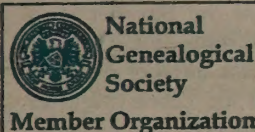


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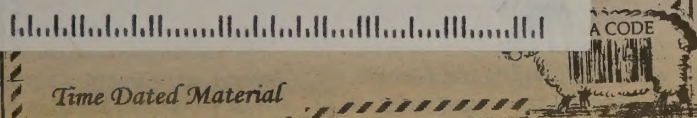
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2001 Family Tree Newsletter Contest shaping up to be biggest ever! Enter now!

Entries are coming in for the 2001 *Family Tree* Newsletter Contest. Entries will be accepted until 1 March 2001.

Newsletters and programs - anything created by our readers - will be accepted for judging. In the past we've had newsletters from Scottish Clans, Scottish games and festivals, St. Andrew's societies, historical societies, surname societies, genealogical societies, ethnic societies and more.

There will be categories for every conceivable publishing format: magazine; newspaper; photocopied single sheet - and any other categories entered.

There will be a first through fourth place awarded in as many categories of publications as are received. Last year, there were twelve categories. Honorable Mentions will be

awarded at the judges' discretion. There will be a grand prize awarded and a runner-up grand prize.

The winner in the Scottish Clan category will be awarded a banner suitable for display at a clan tent at Highland Games.

Certificates will be awarded to all place winners and all honorable mention recipients. Ribbons will also be awarded for first place in each category. The grand prize winner and the runner-up grand prize winners will receive an engraved silver Revere bowl.

All entrants will receive the judges critique sheets.

To enter send two 2000 or 2001 issues of your publication, with the \$25 entry fee to: 2001 *Family Tree* Newsletter Contest, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828.

Clan Donald 2001 AGM committee offers everyone an opportunity

The Clan Donald Annual General Meeting will be held next September 27-30, in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Clan Donald Minnesota has embarked upon an ambitious plan to raise funds for this important meeting.

Donations are being sought for prizes including a 11-day, 10 night trip to Scotland in 2002 for two; and a Transfer Deed to one Hog's Head of Ben Nevis Scotch Whisky.

Other prizes include a handmade basket hilt sword and scabbard, a 21 year-old Ben Nevis single malt whisky in a crystal decanter plus six glasses and a rare 26-year-old Thistledown single malt whisky in a crystal decanter. The Thistledown whisky and decanter are priceless as there are no more available.

You may also win one of twenty prizes including 4 sets of Tain Pottery in the Lord of the Isles pattern, 3 hampers from Fortnum and Mason Department Store in London, a bottle of St. Andrews blended whisky in a decanter and 2



David Allen and the priceless Thistledown whisky!

bottles of rare 26-year-old whisky from Hallmark of St. James in London and 4 sets of jewelry from Sheila Fleet Jewelry in the Orkney Islands, 3 sets of 2 crystal whisky glasses and whisky jug from Edinburgh Glass and 3 gift certificates from Hector Russell of Edinburgh.

There are three levels of donations for the three above prize categories.

There is a free category for those who wish to enter, but who don't wish to make a contribution, with four prizes.

If you would like complete information on how to enter the drawing - and everyone is welcome to enter - simply fill out the form on page 16 A or visit the <www.clandonald-agm.com> website for complete information.

The drawings will be held September 26-30, 2000. You do not have to be present to win.

Clan Donald Minnesota has formed a corporation, 2001 AGM-Minnesota. Their permit number is X-32197-01-001. This drawing is legal in the State of Minnesota.

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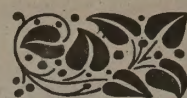
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Twigs, Leaves & Stems

News from

Does anybody have a free/cheap place for German Genealogical Society of America?

The German Genealogical Society of America, 2125 Wright Avenue, Suite C-9, La Verne, CA 91750-5816 is having a very difficult time right now. They have more books, lots of sophisticated computers, internet at <HTTP:FEEFHS.ORG/GGSA/FRG-GGSA.HTML>, monthly workshops, informal German classes, and seminars. Maralyn Wellauer came in November as the new librarian and is getting books up on the shelves. The only problem is that they have no money.

T. Maureen Schoenky, president of GGSA, advises that she has been paying the rent and the bills for the past

months from her life savings, and that is dwindling fast. She supposes the Internet is to blame for some of it. They are looking for another cheaper place for the Library, and in today's market in their area, that is extremely difficult. The GGSA has helped a lot of people find their families, and people are coming from New York, Pennsylvania, South Africa, and Europe to the Library; and for this reason, she is reluctant to put the collection in storage somewhere.

Help needed with 1891 New York immigrant index

Volunteers are being sought to help create the *Index of 1891 New York Immigrants from Austria, Poland, and Galicia*. No special training is needed. It

would involve looking through microfilms of ship's records for that year, listing people with those citizenships, and mailing (or e-mailing) your list to me for including in the total list.

You would be adding to an important and permanent index for everyone's free search capabilities. To get an idea of what the final product will look like, you can examine the corresponding index for 1890 at <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/1890ny.htm>

Access to the 1891 microfilms of ship's records would be no problem. They are available at several National Archives branches (Washington, DC, Pittsfield, MA, New York City, Chicago, and Denver); several large public libraries (New York City, Jamaica, NY, Boston, Fort Wayne, Dallas, Houston, Madison, Wisconsin (Historical Society)); and through any of the 3500 local LDS Family History Centers throughout the country.

Anyone interested, please e-mail me at: <rellesh@nycap.rr.com> Howard Relles, Schenectady, New York.

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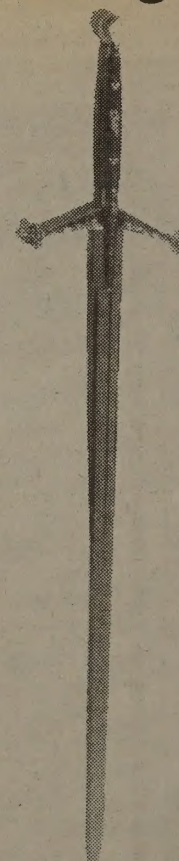
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Lay holes for meddlers?

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Could it be Irish or Quaker?

Some say it is an Elizabethan saying and that "lay hole" means a grave! It was used in Parr, St. Helens, Lanes, England where, incidentally Sir Thomas Parr lived. His daughter married Henry the VIII.

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Here and There and Most Everywhere



Do you know about the Florida Photographic Collection?

The Florida Photographic Collection seeks to document Florida's history through a comprehensive array of visual artifacts. More than 790,000 still photographs and about 2,000 movies and video tapes comprise the collection.

The time span ranges from copies of mid-fifteenth century maps to current photographs. The earliest photograph dates back to 1845.

Some significant sub-collections include one grouping of 1700 glass negatives made by Alban S. Harper depict Tallahassee from 1885 to 1910.

Many of the photographs have been scanned and may be viewed online at <<http://www.dos.state.fl.us/fpc/>>

This important collection is available at the Florida State Archives and copies of most items can be provided for a nominal charge. A copy of the

Archives' general fee schedule is available from the Florida State Archives, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Call 904-487-2073.

Grave identification assistance needed by the Delaware Indians

Attempts are underway to identify Delaware Tribal members buried in the Bezion Cemetery, Delaware, Nowata County, Oklahoma. This is a "patent" Delaware Indian Cemetery. A patent cemetery is public land set aside before allotments were made and before Oklahoma became a state.

According to Land Management committee member Edna L. Havens, the cemetery is estimated to have 300 graves. Most are unknown and unidentified. The oldest headstone is 1872 and most burials are before the early 1900s.

If you have pertinent information, please contact Edna L.

Havens at 1-918-333-3428 or write in care of 6641 S.E. Castle Court, Bartlesville, OK 74006-9016.

Thanks to *Delaware Indian News*, 220 NW Virginia Ave, Bartlesville, OK 74003.

Orphans in the New World

Between 1869 and 1930, about 100,000 children were taken from workhouses and homes for waifs in the British Isles and sent to Canada. Many lost all connection with their families, becoming orphans in a new world. An ongoing project of The British Isles Family of Greater Ottawa is to extract evidence of these "home children" from ships passenger lists at the National Archives in Ottawa.

Until last year, lists were available only through 1919. Finally, the Department of Human Resources has released the ships passenger lists for the years between 1920 and 1935.

Write BIFHSGO, PO Box

38026, Ottawa ON K2C 1N0, Canada for the current status of their effort. With thanks to Foothills Genealogical Society, PO Box 150382, Lakewood, CO 80215-0382.

Do you know about WOW?

WOW and Woodmen of the World and Woodmen Circle are fraternal benefit life insurance societies. They both (and Woodmen still does) provide life insurance protection with fraternal benefits for all members.

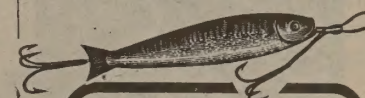
You become a member by purchasing a life insurance annuity product.

Woodmen Circle was the women's auxiliary to Woodmen of the World, however, it did accept male members in areas where Woodmen of the World did not operate.

On January 1, 1965, the Woodmen Circle and

Woodmen of the World merged under the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society name.

During the early part of the century both Woodmen and the Woodmen Circle offered a "monumental benefit" as a rider to all their life insurance products. Under the benefits, at death additional funds would be provided to purchase a gravestone. These stones were carved by local stone cutters and appear in a variety of shapes and sizes. They all, however, have the Woodmen or Woodmen Circle logos on them somewhere.



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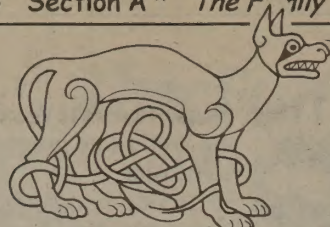
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Some authors report the common people of Scotland who are fed with oatmeal are, in general, neither so strong or handsome as the same rank of people in England who are fed with wheaten bread. They nei-

ther work or look so well and show that the Scottish diet is not suitable for the human constitution as their neighbors of the same rank in England.

Some explain it was the shortage of food rather than its

nature that was to blame.

Times were tough...in times of bad harvests such as 1770-1771, deaths on the farms were scarcely mentioned in the *Account Books*. Deaths were caused by epidemics and un-

usual unhealthy seasons, but for people on the poorer lands, starvation was the contributing cause.

Because poor tenants had to share their meager supply of food with the farm animals, usually one ox was shared for the common ploughing. A few ponies for carts and one half-starved horse for heavier work. A cow was essential but rarely met the needs of an ordinary family. The rents of areas of poor soil were paid with money. Areas of better soil, the rents were paid by grain

harvest. Throughout the year, one ounce of meat was an individual's average. During the winter months, the livestock suffered greatly from lack of available pasture grazing.

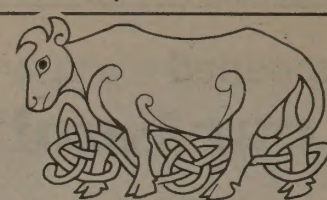
Other overhead expenses: School dues paid by the parents at 4 shillings per annum for reading, 8 shillings for Latin or arithmetic. Incomes from lint, wool, eggs, spinning purchased leather for shoes, salt for the cattle. Weaving or tailoring made the fee to the miller for grinding and the minister's stipend.

The purchase of whisky was perhaps the most heavy annual expenditure.

In the north of Scotland, four or five major fairs were held which offered a marketplace for the Highlander's commodities. One fair observer remarked, watching the trading, "Good God! You could not conceive there was misery in this island."

Such incomes were spent on household items such as wooden spoons or platters, a

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Glimpses of Old-World Scotland

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San Francisco	1850-75, 1893-1934	1850-1875
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New Bedford, MA	1875-99, 1902-54	1902-1942
Portland, ME	1893-1954	1893-1943
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Charleston, SC	1820-1829	1820-1829
Savannah, GA	1890-1924	1906-1945
New England	1600's	1600's

Information given on lists generally includes ship's name, arrival date, passengers' names, age, sex, occupation, nationality, and sometimes literacy, destination, class of travel (first class, steerage, etc.), embarkation port, and on 1880's lists, sometimes place of birth!

Beginning about 1890: generally all of the above plus departure date, marital status, race, last residence, name and address of close relative or friend in homeland, how much money carried, whether ever in U.S. before, name and address of a relative or contact in the U.S., health, height, weight, hair and eye color, and from about 1920, planned length of stay and citizenship intentions!

Search fees: Index search: \$15.00 (one passenger / one port) or 3 ports for \$35.00
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IMPORTANT:

Index search AND List search BOTH needed unless you already know name of ship and EXACT arrival date AND port. (If not found in index, List search fee will be refunded.) If port is unknown, I suggest a 3 port search beginning with the (larger) ports at the top of the list. Indexes are generally every name (not just head of household).

If found on list, photocopies of pages from list showing passenger's name and ship's name will be provided along with cost quote for copy of entire list and for history of ship and shipping line, often including a picture of the ship!

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This week the wire services carried several articles about the ancestry of George W. Bush and of Al Gore.

Of course, 50% of George W. Bush's ancestry is that of his father, and that was already researched when the elder Bush won the election 12 years ago.

The wire services report that the first Bush to settle in America came from Messing, a small village near Colchester, Essex, England in the 17th. This small village was mentioned in the Domesday Book hundreds of years ago. It hasn't grown much since then; today Messing has a population of 250 souls. Reynold Bush, the son of a yeoman farmer, emigrated to America in 1631, building himself a new life in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Historical records show that Bush was a fairly common name in Messing from 1391 to 1597, with 37 references to Bushes in church documents. There are no Bushes in Messing these days, however.

Burke's Peerage suggested that George W. Bush would be the eventual winner. "The candidate with the most royal blood has always been the victor. Mr. Bush has twice as many royal connections as Mr. Al Gore," said publishing director Harold Brooks-Baker after concluding genealogical probes into their backgrounds. "Although never in the history of the United States have two presidential candidates been endowed with so many royal connections, our final research proves that Governor Bush will be the President-elect Bush on November 7," he added. Mr. Harold Books-Baker obviously wrote his remarks prior to November 7, and he didn't forecast the closeness of the Florida vote.

Brooks-Baker reports that George W. Bush is closely related to every European monarch on and off the throne—from the king of Albania to



Sweden's House of Bernadotte—and has kinship with every member of Britain's royal family, the House of Windsor. Bush is the 13th cousin of Britain's Queen Mother, and his family tree can be documented as far back as the early 15th century.

Brooks-Baker reports that Al Gore has fewer royal relatives, but nevertheless his ancestors range from Holy Roman Emperor Otto I to the royal princes of Hanover.

Al Gore has a strong Irish connection as well. His grandmother was born in Northern Ireland, and he can trace ancestry to a Swinney family living in Cork in the mid-18th Century. Mr. Gore's Second cousin, the novelist Gore Vidal, has claimed the Gores are descended from Sir Paul Gore, whose brother was London Mayor and who settled in County Donegal in the late 16th Century.

Several Gores sat as members of the Irish Parliament before the Act of Union. One of their descendants was so-

Senility Prayer!

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never like anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

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called rebel countess Constance Gore-Booth, who appeared in a poem by Yeats, married a Polish artist, and became active in the Irish War of Independence. A family link between her and Al Gore has been made, but is tenuous.

Gore's ancestors have also been linked to the side of the Gore family that once held the Saunderscourt estate, near the village of Crossabeg, County Wexford. Again, the connection is tenuous. Deeds dating from 1749 have been found detailing the sale of the 10-bedroom house and 80 acres of land by a Sir Arthur Gore. Today the mansion lies in ruins.

With the outcome of the election now decided, we know the next American president will have royal roots. Congratulations George W. Bush!

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Judy Carol Frye Nolde of Keedysville, Maryland has a Honda with a tag showing her "Scotish" heritage. Her sister, Joanne Sandra Frye of Charleroi, Pennsylvania has "Scotlan" on her Ford Explorer.

We had lots of Santa's this Christmas! Thanks to all who so kindly shared with us...

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Professor Arnold Morrison of Stirling, Scotland has given us a volume called *The Defence of Scotland-Militias, Fencibles and Volunteer Corps-Scottish Sources 1793-1820*. Thank you, sir!

The History of the 4th Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers was recently donated to the library by Jack Bridwell, Jr. of Moultrie, Georgia. Thank you, Jack! (Jack Bridwell is the Commander of our local SCV group as well as being active in our Colquitt Museum of History and many other heritage activities!)

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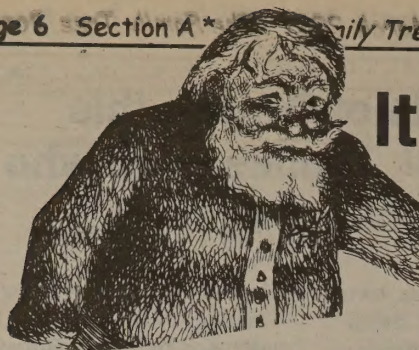
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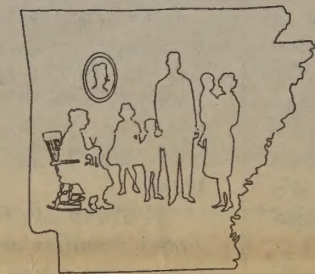
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Gold brooch discovered at Ardvreck Castle

An exquisite ring brooch has recently been discovered at Ardvreck Castle, the ancient stronghold of the MacLeods of Assynt. The brooch is good quality workmanship of pure gold and made for someone of social standing.

Patricia Weeks, Assistant Curator of Archaeology at Inverness Museum describes it as follows: "This gold ring brooch was found recently at Ardvreck Castle and has been both delighting and baffling to all who have seen it. It is unusual to see a Scottish ring brooch of gold, as most were made of silver or copper-alloy. Even more unusual is the enamelling, in blue, white and green, which picks out the detail on both sides of this piece. The brooch is dated 1600, and opinion is divided about whether it really is of that date, or a later copy."

The inscription on the back of the brooch reads 'FEIR GOD IN HIART C M A 1600' and those with a keen eye will realize that HIART is actually spelt wrongly. Quite often, skilled craftsmen of this period were illiterate.

The brooch was reported a Treasure Trove in accordance with Scots Law, and has been allocated to Inverness Museum & Art Gallery where it shall shortly be placed on public display.

Ring brooches were quite common in mediaeval Scotland used by Highland women to fasten an outer garment or plaid about their shoulders. The engraved initials pose a problem which may never be solved. In the year 1600, Donald Ban Mor (ca. 1560-1647) son of Neil the Tutor was Chief of the MacLeods of Assynt.

Dr. Leonard McLeod tentatively has suggested that the initials are those of Christian MacLeod (nee' Ross) second wife of Donald Ban Mor. She was certainly present at Ardvreck at this time and ran the estate when her husband was an old man. C Christan M MacLeod A Ardyreck.

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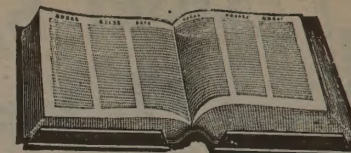
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Those of us interested in genealogy might do well to hum a few tunes from *Music Man* as we pursue the many new products being advertised these days to help people trace their family tree. It seems we may have a few traveling salesman of our own to worry about. Most of these products have one thing in common: they purport to accelerate your research, thus saving you time and money. For folks in a big hurry (and that seems to include a lot of genealogists), speeding up the process is music to their ears.

But if we look a little closer, these products have something else in common: They mostly fall in that endlessly amusing category of con-

sumer items known as Too Good To Be True. Yes, they can confer some benefits, but they also create the perception that new technology can replace traditional research strategies. That is strictly a salesman's pitch. Let's take a rather extreme example:

Several years ago, I became aware of a company selling a compact disk (CD) called the Complete 1790 U.S. Census. The package said the disk contained a "searchable database of over 6,000 images." Since at that time there was nothing else comparable on the market, this product seemed like a real breakthrough, even at a retail price of about \$80.00. These were, after all, actual images of the microfilm, not just an index.

Then a woman who had used the CD told me she could not find her ancestors on the disk, despite evidence from other sources of her ancestors' whereabouts in 1790. When I questioned her more closely, it turned out she had failed to find anywhere from four to 11 people in each of five Virginia counties supposedly on the disk. This got me curious. Sta-

tistically, something was wrong. On any family tree, you might reasonably expect to find a few individuals who were missed by the census taker in any given census year. But four or more in each of five counties in the same year? That didn't seem plausible, even for Virginia (whose enumeration for 1790 had to be reconstructed from tax lists after the actual census returns were destroyed). So I examined the CD for myself.

As a cross-check against the woman's experience, I tested another copy of the same product. This time, I first consulted the printed version of the 1790 Census (an index published by the U.S. Government in the early 1900s) and arbitrarily picked a common name—John Price—from the enumeration for Virginia (the reconstructed list). In the printed index, I found eight listings for John Price in Virginia in 1790. I then searched the CD for the same name in Virginia. To my surprise, I got only one hit! What happened to the other seven? One hit out of eight is an error rate of 87%—a rate so high as to make the database useless. Was this just a fluke; were some of the John Prices in the printed index the same man? Or were there other errors of substantial magnitude on the CD? What was going on here?

I next tried searching in Virginia on the surname Rice. That's when I encountered another surprise: The search engine on the CD could only search on a string of characters, such as r-i-c-e, not on an actual name. Therefore, a search on Rice was also a search on Price and on any other name containing the sequence r-i-c-e. That made the search engine a lot less useful. But even after allowing for this limitation, the results were the same: The CD contained six listings for the surname Rice as compared to 47 listings for the same name in the published index—again, an error rate of 87%!

On the chance the problem was unique to Virginia (since, as I said earlier, the 1790 "census" for Virginia is actually a reconstruction), I switched to Massachusetts and searched on the name Lee. I knew I was going to get a lot of nonmatches by searching on only three characters, and sure enough, the search produced a total of 123 "hits," only 83 of which were Lees. But here again, there was a significant discrepancy between the CD and the published index for the same population: 83 listings for Lee on the CD versus 96 in the published record—an error rate of 14% (13 missing listings out of 96).

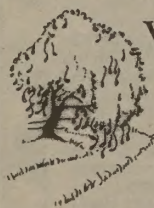
Now it's true that 14% is not nearly as bad as 87%, but

in my opinion, any database with a double-digit error rate is fundamentally flawed as a genealogical tool. Why waste your time? You are obviously not "speeding up" your research if you know going in you are missing at least 14% of your data, and possibly a lot more!

In the case of this CD, there were still other problems. As already indicated, I got 183 listings when I searched in Massachusetts on the surname Lee, and 40 of the listings turned out not to be Lees. Those other 40 included a total of 22 surnames, only five of which appear in the published 1790 Census for Massachusetts. That struck me as really strange. The compiler of the CD found 17 surnames in Massachusetts that the compiler of the published index did not find. Was that possible? To make a long story short, my answer was: NO! There was something inherently wrong in the content of the CD.

I contacted the manufacturer of the CD in hopes of solving the mystery. As a spokesman for the company explained, the company had contracted with an outside party to transcribe the names from the microfilm for 1790 to create a searchable database. I got the impression that the company did not realize the U.S. Government had already done that job and published the results 90-some years ago! In any event, I could only conclude that the contractor in this case was wholly incapable of reading the handwriting on the microfilm and producing an accurate transcription, thus rendering the database on the CD completely worthless for any serious application. As further

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Flowers of the Forest

Patricia Angeline Mullinax Forrester, wife of James Wm. (Jim) Forrester, Past Vice-president of Clan Forrester Society, died on January 9, 2001, of cancer. Born February 28, 1942, in Greenville, South Carolina, she was the daughter of Sadie Angeline Mull Mullinax of Piedmont, South Carolina and Ervin Eugene Mullinax of Covington, Georgia. She was a homemaker, a Baptist and a member of Clan Forrester Society.

Burial was January 12, 2001 at Graceland Cemetery West, Greenville, South Carolina. In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by a daughter, Tonja Angeline Forrester Gentry, of Taylors, South Carolina; a son, James Keith Forrester of Greenville, South Carolina; a sister Debbie M. Mullins of Piedmont, South Carolina; a brother, Rick Mullinax of Fayetteville, Georgia; and two grandsons, Brandon Mikel Forrester and Ryan Preston Gentry.

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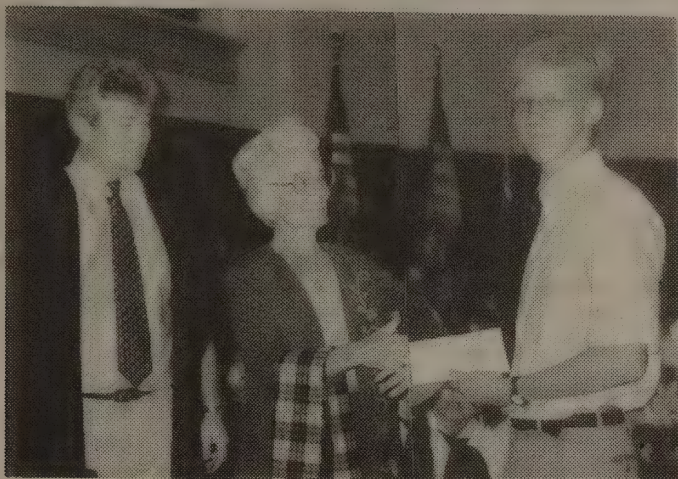
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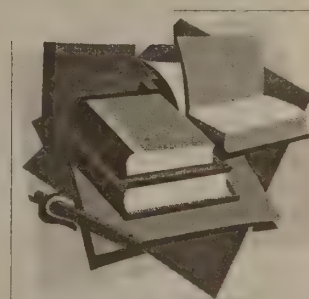
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The Crest of our Chief, John Shaw of Tordarroch.



The Belt and Buckle of a Clansman with motto of our Chief.



The Crest of our Chief encircled with the Clansman's Belt and Buckle which bears the Motto of our Chief - The Chief's Crest Badge for His Clansmen.

David Douglas lends his name

Besides the many trees and plants that are named after David Douglas, there is a squirrel named after him too. The Douglas Squirrel, a relative of the Red Squirrel lives only in the Pacific Coast forests and is sometimes called the Chickaree because his sounds resemble a chickadee.

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ONE MAN'S OPINION:

CHIEF'S CREST OR JUST ANYBODY'S BADGE?

By Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Part Two (Continued From Last Issue)

I am using the Crest of John Shaw of Tordarroch, 22nd Hereditary Chief of Clan Shaw, for illustration purposes only. Since Clan Shaw was a "broken clan" for centuries, it is essential to understand some minor elements of heraldry. Major Charles John Shaw, our current Chief's father, was recognized as Chief of Clan Shaw in 1970 by Lord Lyon, giving us a Chief for the first time in over 400 years and removing the stigma of being a "broken clan". Once more, we were a recognized clan. This was possible because Major Shaw spent 25 years assembling the information necessary for Lord Lyon, with one stroke of his pen, to put Clan Shaw back on the map. Interestingly, some do not accept Lyons' comments about the crest, but they do about the clan - in this case, Clan Shaw!

Years ago while at Lake Lanier (Georgia) on board our houseboat, the *KO Option*, I was flying the Rampart Lion when I did not know better. A visitor from the UK on board another boat at our dock asked, "Why are you flying the Queen's flag?" Without batting an eye, I told him my queen was on board and that as her husband, it made me king of our ship, and I could fly whatever I wanted to fly. After all, this was America! Boy, did I tell him! While it brought chuckles from our dock neighbors, I realized, albeit much later, what a fool I had been, and while that was not the first time I have made a fool of myself, and I dare say it will not be the last, I hope I have grown a little and learned a little since then.

I would apologize to my English "cousin" if I could, but I'll never have that chance. And while it may have been technically correct from an American's position, I still made a mistake, and I admit I was dead wrong as well as being rude. I'm aware that my Mama would have beaten my bottom either literally or verbally (sometimes the former was easier on me than the latter) if she had heard me showing off in front of my neighbors. I've thought about that wee incident from time to time since then, and I hope I've learned enough not to feel the need to point out we settled that matter with the Boston Tea Party and later revolution beginning in 1776.

It reminds me of "The Ugly American" syndrome that American tourists abroad have created with answers like mine. Also, 30 years ago, we used to ask while traveling throughout Europe, "How much is that in real money?" Well, we do not ask that question now. The worm has turned! It also reminds me of the American tourist who broke in line at the Louvre one day to ask, "What's in there? Anything worth my time?"

I hope it is worth our time to study or do a little research to find some answers and remember that those from that other country we love so much called Scotland have their own rules and regulations, traditions and legends which mean a lot to them and that we should be respectful of those things that matter so much. What's in there? Is anything in there worth my time? You bet! Let's take a look at what some of the "pros" have to say.

While attending the Highland Games in Mesa, AZ back in 1996, I purchased a book by Sir Thomas Innes, entitled *Scots Heraldry* that was first published in 1934 with a second edition in 1956 and reissued in 1971. I figured that whatever he had to say about heraldry should be worth studying since it had been reprinted a couple of times over a 37-year period of time. After all, he was the Lord Lyon. I wanted to know what he had to say about the badge that you and I wear on our caps, bonnets, shirts and coats. I found that our badge has a lot to do with the Chief's crest. I found out that the main purpose and use of the badge was to identify the followers of the Chief. We are stewards of the Chief's crest.

Innes, in his section on "Highland Dress and Ornaments", states "the use of the crested 'cap-badge' is an invariable accompaniment of the kilt or Highland bonnet. These badges normally display the crest of the Chief, within a so-called garter." When the Knight of the Garter criticized the use of the 'garter' as an infringement and a breach of the laws,

investigation showed correctly that the Lyon had always officially described the 'garter' as a belt and buckle. He won!

Lyon goes on to say that the "Scottish cap-badge is simply a conventional form of the plate and strap with which clansman and adherence bore their Chief's badge." And, he adds, "the use of a Chief or Chieftain's badge in this form is therefore not 'usurpation of arms' but an expression of adherence to that particular Chief or Laird. This strap and buckle crest-badge is the proper form of badge to be worn by all the family."

According to Innes, "there is, however, no such thing as a 'family' or 'clan' crest. It is the property of the Chief alone, and it is correct to display this in a cap-badge - with the necessary 'belt and buckle' - which indicates that the use is as clansman or follower." (Underlining here and later is mine.)

Later Lyon states "where the strap and buckle badge is shown on notepaper of Clan Societies, or clan folk's wearing apparel, the words 'An Ceann Cieran Cinnidh' are required to prevent assertions that it is 'the clan's badge' and so on." The accompanying footnote goes on to say "other than the strap and buckle broach."

In another marvelous little book published in 1938, the year of my birth, by the same Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, he states the following in the *Tartans of the Clans and Families of Scotland*: "The science of Armory, or Heraldry, as a system of identification, was evolved in the twelfth century." Simple devices were adopted by leaders that could be readily identified by their followers. Shields and banners were painted as were shirts and worn over armor, and that is how the phrase or term "coat of arms" as we know it today came into being. These armorial bearings became personal marks of identification for clansmen to show who was their Chief.

The same can be said for the crest of the Chief. Innes goes on to say that "a crest cannot exist except as a subsidiary to a coat of arms." What this means is that the crest is a part of something bigger than itself, and it cannot belong to two people at the same time. Since the Chief's crest is one of a kind, then no one else can lay claim to it while the Chief is alive. -A coat of arms can only distinguish or identify one person, and the same is true of the crest, which is part of the coat of arms. Keep in mind that this is about identification.

Of the nine parts to a coat of arms that Innes lists, the crest is listed as number five - right dab in the middle of the whole thing - four above, four below. While the shield is considered the most important item, I find it interesting that the crest is in the middle, or to use the title of Graham Greene's book, it is **The Heart of the Matter.**

Those who claim the encircled crest with the belt and buckle is only the clansman's badge miss the heart of the matter. Again, without the crest of the Chief to encircle, one is left with nothing but a belt and buckle filled with just that, nothing. What is missing in their argument is the allegiance that the Chief's crest has represented for centuries. Also missing is the recognition of the Chief to his or her followers and the recognition of the follower to his or her Chief.

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Scottish Country Dancing

Evelyn M. E. Murray, FSA Scot

The passing of an era - Jimmy Shand, 1908-2000

When Jimmy Shand's name is mentioned we think of music for dancing, and the button accordion. He made his own instrument; and my understanding is that it is not an easy instrument to play. When we think of dance music we are considering the gamut of Scottish music for dancing. His recordings, and tunes he wrote cover couple dances (waltz, polka, schottische); ceilidh dances (Dashing White Sergeant, Strip the Willow, etc); and strict time Scottish Country dances.

It was at the last type of dancing that I first danced to Jimmy Shand's band, live. At the time I was a student at the University of Southampton, and very active in our SCD Club. Once a year a party of us would hire a van and drive to Southsea for the annual Ball held in the South Parade Pier and sponsored by the Portsmouth & Southsea SCD Society. Sometimes Bobby Watson would be the entertainment during the interval, but the great draw was Jimmy's music. Later I was to visit him at his

home in Auchtermuchty, Fife, accompanying Scottish Fiddler, Ron Gonnella, who sometimes performed with Jimmy in the Ceilidhs together.

My impression of him? I knew a quiet, unassuming man, dedicated to his music. I am sure that everyone who came to his and his wife Anne's home were treated the same. Offered a welcome, a cup of tea and a chat. But behind that quiet persona was someone who knew as much about playing music for dancing as anyone, and probably a great deal

more than most. It was a dance teacher in Dundee who introduced Jimmy to the precise needs of the Scottish County dancer. We assume that the band will play in strict tempo, the exact number of bars required, and will start and end with a chord for the bow and curtsy. In 1938 Jimmy was introduced to Doug Henderson and that was when he learned how long to play for country dancing, and also the relationship of the dance to its music. During World War II,

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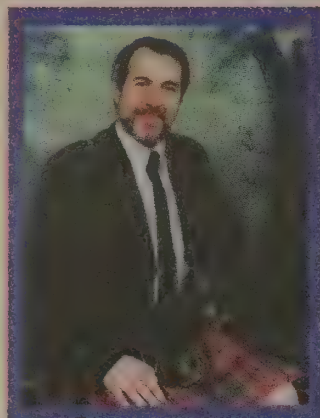
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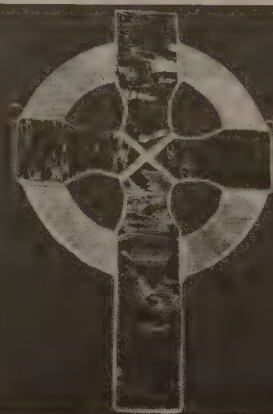
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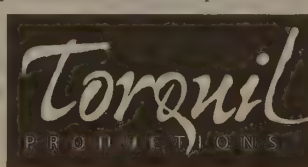
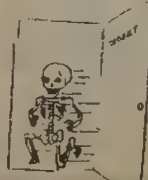
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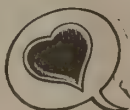
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the formality of Scottish Country dancing became a kind of steady rock for soldiers on leave, weddings, and just a break from the horrors of war for both the military and civilian populations-so his popularity grew.

Jimmy was soon broadcasting, and the war ended with a series of Welcome Home concerts for his band. Later came the White Heather Club Programme and many tours overseas. Ill health began to show in the early 70s. He was forced to cut back a number of his gigs, and these he passed along to other SCD bands.

His list of recordings is huge! Forty-nine on the Beltona label, seventy on other labels in the 78 format (how many of you remember those?); and then over sixty-seven in the 45 and 33 format. This last group ranged from dances in strict tempo such as Step We Gaily, with eight SC dances and two ceilidh dances, to the White Heather Club Party, which featured other artists as well. The list of tunes Jimmy composed is impressive, reels, jigs, strathspeys, polkas, marches, waltzes, and two-steps.

He even wrote a few songs such as this one written in 1967 in Alberta, while on tour

in Canada:

*We left Prestwick on 5th
 September,
 By plane we flew to Montreal
 Tae rak tae Canada an' America
 A Breath O' Scotland tae
 ane an' a'.
 There was Ivy Carey and
 Jimmy Logan,
 Bill McCue and Ronnie Dale;
 Johnnie Crawford at piano,
 And wi' his accordion
 Shand was there*

*Chorus:
 Happy we've been a thegither
 Happy we've been ane an' a'
 We've travelled miles
 wi' ane anither;
 Happy times were had by a'.*

In July 1999 he was knighted by HRH the Prince of Wales in a ceremony at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh. Thus he was recognized for his life's work of bringing Scottish music, and particularly Scotland's great wealth of dance music to a huge audience worldwide. He frequently played in charity concerts and to quote First Minister Henry McLeish, "He made an enormous contribution to preserving Scotland's culture and our musical heritage."

With the passing of Sir Jimmy Shand we lost a great musician and traditionalist.

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Darien, Georgia celebrates their Scottish heritage in March

The coastal community of Darien, Georgia, has a proud Scottish heritage.

Two hundred and sixty-four years ago, on 19 January 1736, one hundred and seventy-seven Highlanders - mostly MacKays from the Strathnaver region; and members of Clan Chattan - mostly MacIntoshes from Inverness; arrived at the southern outpost of the Georgia Colony.

Each Highlander was granted fifty acres for himself and each member of his family. Their primary mission after settling the land was to protect the colony from the French to the west, the Spanish to the south, and fend off attacks from Indians hostile to the British Crown.

Originally named "New Inverness" the name was later changed to "Darien" to recall the Darien Isthmus colony of Panama which came to grief in 1698. Darien was the only Gaelic-speaking community in the Georgia Colony.

The argument can be made and easily defended that Darien is the "Plymouth Rock" of Georgia and the touchstone for Scottish heritage in the Southeastern United States. In 1739 the Scots of Darien petitioned the Trustees of Georgia that no slavery be allowed in their colony, and so it remained until 1749, when that clause in their Charter was removed despite the strong protests of the Scots.

The Scots of Darien made a re-statement of this anti-slavery position on the eve of the American Revolution in 1775. This petition, together with that of the Ebenezer Salzburchers was the earliest anti-slavery petition in the South.

The early Scots had a strong sense of family, integrity, and a proud work ethic which contributed greatly to their suc-

cess. Descended from the legendary fierce Norse-Gael warriors they had a well-earned reputation in combat - and were frequently employed as mercenaries. The Highlander's military prowess and reputation in combat was Oglethorpe's prime reason in choosing them to defend "his" colony.

In many ways these people were unique - especially from the viewpoint of the Native American. Most Scots did not wear boots like most other Europeans - they wore a soft leather footwear similar to a moccasin, they did not wear pants - they wore a philbeg, or great tartan, they (for the most part) spoke Gaelic - not English, their family structure was similar to the Native American's - tribal, or clan.

The Scots enjoyed the best relationship with Native Americans, especially the Creeks. The Scottish women had rights under the law and were allowed to own property.

Women in the Darien community were trained in the "Manual of Arms" for rifles and were capable of manning the battery of cannons at Fort Darien when the men were on patrol or fighting the Spanish.

In an effort to recall the many contributions of those "Free" Scots, a non-profit group has been formed calling itself "The Highlanders of New Inverness, Ltd.," or, HONI. The group in conjunction with the staff at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Fort King George, at Darien, presented the "return" of the Highlanders to Darien during the "Scottish Heritage Weekend" program. The event took place on Friday the 24th, and Saturday the 25th March 2000, at Fort King George, Darien, Georgia.

The event was a homecom-

ing for those Clans represented by the original settlers of Darien. The Scottish Heritage event was an opportunity to step back in time to see how and where the original Scots lived.

To honor the Darien Highlanders tenacity, HONI has adopted "Buadhach Tre Dhicheall", or Prevail Through Perseverance, as its motto.

The Highlanders of New Inverness, Ltd., have a website a

t
<www.darienhighlanders.org> which will post information about the annual March event as well as ongoing projects. While the main annual event will take place in March, HONI plans to have at least one event per quarter.

HONI is also involved with establishing a sister or twin-city relationship with Durness; the establishment of cultural and educational exchanges on the University, Secondary school, and Primary school levels. We have contacted university professors in America and Scotland who have expressed a keen interest in the project.

We have been fortunate enough to win two Endowment for the Humanities grants to date. While the major thrust of the project is education, the group hopes to establish a bridge over time and distance to re-unite the people of the Strathnaver and Inverness regions of Scotland with their American relatives and ancestors in Darien and vicinity. Together, each group might explore their common interests and open dialogs relating to the challenges of economic development faced by each. We welcome you to participate in this endeavor.

Please visit our website: <www.darienhighlanders.org> for updates.

It's a small world!



Betty Cox, from Laramie, Wyoming, has passed along an amazing story.

Jean Taylor and I traveled to the Scotch-Irish Festival in Estes Park, Colorado in September, 2000, from Laramie, Wyoming. There were thousands of people and dozens of parking lots-and we parked at exactly the same time and right next to Jane and John Harris of Tallahassee, Florida. We had met them on the Scotland BC Trip as few years ago. We enjoyed renewing our friendship. Between the Harris are Jean Taylor and Betty Cox at Estes Park, Colorado Scottish-Irish Festival.

Valentine's Day!

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

Hundreds of years ago in England, many children dressed up as adults on Valentine's Day. They went singing from home to home.

One verse they sang was: Good morning to you, Valentine; Curl your locks as I do mine-Two before and three behind. Good morning to you, valentine.

Some people used to believe that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor. If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a millionaire.

Think of five or six names of boys or girls you might marry, as you twist the stem of an apple, recite the names until the stem comes off. You will marry the person whose name you were saying when the stem fell off.

In Wales, wooden love spoons were carved and given as gifts on February 14th. Hearts, keys and keyholes were favorite decorations on the spoons. The decoration meant, "You unlock my heart!"

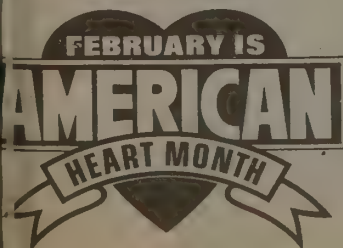
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"Remember the Generations"

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Lessons Learned - A Past Found (Part 4) Zicharon, Teshuva, Wiederaufbau
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The reunion organizers took us on a walking tour of Jewish Vöhl, stopping at the beautifully manicured cemetery for us to say Kaddish to our departed families.

I know the cemetery was not cleaned solely for us because I have been there three previous times since 1960 and it has always looked this way.

Our guide and my email friend, Karl-Heinz Stadtler, re-

lated the history of the Jews in Vöhl a century before most of the former Jewish citizens were even born. He told us more about our own families than we ever knew. He spoke so lovingly about our ancestors that one would have thought they were his family.

By the end of the week we were all family.

We visited neighboring towns where our ancestors lived. Our scheduled trips included a Friday night service in the restored synagogue of Giessen, a tour of the old Jewish quarter of Marburg and a visit to its new synagogue, a tour of the Jewish museum in Hofgeismar, a tour of Roth's newly dedicated museum in the old synagogue and an afternoon coffee and cake reception in the home of a couple of Roth's citizens.

On Sunday we were treated to a children's choir in the Evangelical Church's community center and interaction

with people from Vöhl who knew the Jewish guests or their families before the Holocaust.

My cousin, Ursula Mildenberg Behrend was invited to speak to a couple of schools in the area about her experiences as a child in Vöhl. Her worries about not engaging the students were for naught because they were very interested in her life then, her emigration and her life in the United States as a refugee.

Even though she was not a camp survivor with lurid tales of dehumanization, it was important for her to pass on the theme of "never again."

We were given a special tour of the magnificently rebuilt, newly dedicated synagogue in Kassel.

A brief lecture by an esteemed professor from Kassel's university followed afternoon coffee and cake.

I have watched and experienced Germany contending

with its past sins of commission and omission for forty years, since my first trip at age fifteen with my parents, themselves survivors of Germany's Nazi era.

What Professor Dr. Dietfried Krause-Vilmar said rang true. "Hardly any politician in the 50s, 60s and 70s spoke about his personal experience during this time (the Nazi period) although almost all of them had been involved. This only changed in the 80s when young people in schools and universities.....wanted to know what had actually taken place in their towns, what had happened to people who had been persecuted, who had suddenly disappeared."

The government and the post-WW II generation have learned many lessons from the atrocities perpetrated by their country, perhaps because those sins against humanity began on their soil. The students of the 1980s not only watched the

Berlin Wall fall and Communism fail, but also broke the silence of previous generations. They wanted to know how this Jewish genocide and murder of millions of others could have happened.

In email messages, I was promised visits to Altenlotheim, Frankenau and Korbach for archival research.

Karl-Heinz, true to his word, introduced me to Gerhard Keute, the archivist in Frankenau, who arranged our meeting in a private home in Altenlotheim, an ancestral plot of the Frankenthal family.

I have corresponded with many archives for several years: the German national archives, the Hessen state archives in Wiesbaden, and the district archives in Marburg.

After all the replies said there were no documents available for the periods in the 1800s that I desired, Karl-

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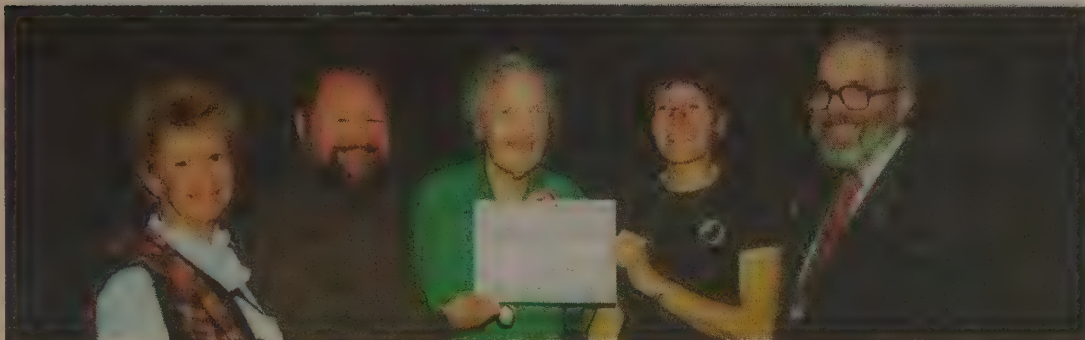
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Others pictured from left to right: Barbra A. Bartz, Florida State Deputy Commissioner/Clan Ross; President Harold Andrews, The ladies; and Paul Peak, Clan Ross Clan member.



Indentured Servants were important

Never underestimate the importance of considering the possibility of an ancestor being an indentured servant. After both the 1715 and 1745 Risings, many defeated Jacobites were given the chance to "redeem themselves" by being "sold into slavery" as Indentured Servants, rather than being hung. Thanks to *The Dunrobin Piper*, Clan Sutherland Society of North America, 156 New Estate Road, Littleton, MA 01460

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WALES IN AMERICA

Scranton and the Welsh 1860-1920



WILLIAM D. JONES

Between the years 1860 and 1920, around 80,000 Welsh immigrants settled in the United States. A striking feature of Welsh settlement during this period is the concentration of the Welsh in one state: Pennsylvania, and within it, the north-east Pennsylvania anthracite coalfield. In 1900, over 17 per cent of Welsh immigrants were living in and around the cities of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre in an area about twice the size of the Rhondda Valley in the south Wales most of them had left.

This book focuses on Scranton, the epicenter of Welsh America during its golden era. The author examines cultural life, the literary and musical societies, eisteddfodau and religious groups as well as other aspects of popular culture such as insobriety and sports that the leaders of the Welsh community frowned upon. He also analyzes the self-image of Welsh America as reflected in its own newspapers and periodicals; the relationship of the Welsh with other ethnic groups; and, thousands of skilled Welsh miners across the Atlantic. WILLIAM D. JONES studied history at University College, Cardiff and gained a Ph.D. for his research into Welsh settlement in USA.

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Ulster Roots: Church Certificates

Richard K. MacMaster * The Scotch-Irish Society

When we move from one place to another today, we often request a letter of transfer from our former church to a church in our new home. Churches of several denominations had a similar practice in the eighteenth century of recommending members to another congregation.

The certificate signed by the minister and elders had a larger purpose in the eighteenth century. With much more limited communication networks than today, it would be difficult to know whether the newcomers were really the respectable farmers or artisans they claimed to be. Had this man left home one step ahead of the sheriff? Did he leave a mountain of unpaid bills behind him? Was he a troublemaker? Was he using an assumed name? The man or woman who could produce a certificate from their home church had proof of identity and an explicit statement about their character their freedom from debt and from any sanction imposed by the courts or the church. It was important to hold on to such a document.

A modern letter of transfer, if preserved at all, would go into the files of the local church. The eighteenth century equivalent belonged to the individual receiving it to keep with his or her important papers. As a result, very few survive of the thousands that must have once existed. They are a rare family treasure when they do.

Presbyterian congregations in Scotland, Ireland and the American Colonies normally provided such certificates for members. Surviving documents from Ulster churches personalize emigration and identify Scotch-Irish pioneers with their homes in Northern Ireland.

A descendant in Georgia inherited a certificate given to a young lady named Isabella Steel as she was about to leave her home the seaport town of Larne, County Antrim for Baltimore in 1773. Her minister

certified "That the Bearer Isabella Steel hath lived within the Bounds of this Congregation from her Infancy was born of Creditable Protestant dissenting parents, is free of all manner of Publick scandal or Church censure known to us, and by her good behaviour, Honesty and unblemished Character. Justly deserves the Esteem and approbation of all her know her."

One would like to know more about this young woman who evidently crossed the ocean alone. Did she have friends or family waiting for her in Maryland? We know that she subsequently married Thomas Pilkington of Baltimore as the same descendant has a poem written to celebrate that happy occasion.

A high percentage of Scotch-Irish immigrants left in family groups, so only the head of the household required a certificate. Abram Fulton was 60 years old when he left for America in 1772 with his wife and grown children. The minister gave him a certificate in these words: "Whereas Abraham Fulton and his wife and Family are now removing from this country to the continent of America this is to Inform Whom it may concern that they were born and lived until the date hereof in this parish and behaved in sober & Christian manner and Now leaves us free from any publick Scandall or State Censure. Certified at Articlave in the Kingdom of Ireland this 26th day of May 1772 by Wm. Knox V.D.M. (Minister of the Divine Word), L. Caldwell, Robert Guthry, Elders."

Articlave was the Presbyterian congregation now known as First Dunboe. It is located in the townland of Articlave in the Parish of Dunboe in Co. Londonderry, Northern Ireland, not far from Coleraine.

The Fultons sailed for Philadelphia and eventually located in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, where Abraham Fulton died in 1787. His church certificate was pre-

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Bet you didn't know that "First Alert" is an old custom!

Alarm signals were in use along the borders and throughout Galloway.

It was thought proper that beacons should be set up on all heights within sight of each other in order that the appearance of the enemy on the Borders or on the sea might be made known.

A beacon was formed of a tall, strong tree set up with a

long iron plate across its head, carrying on it an iron plate for holding a fire, and an iron brander fixed on a stalk in the middle for holding a tar barrel.

The first fire was put on the ground beside the beacon, and when fired all were to arm. Next were lit two fires, one on the ground and the other in the large grate.

On seeing this, all were to

hasten to the rendezvous.

If the danger was imminent, the burning barrel was fired at once. Signals from Berwick up the vale of the Tweed to Lamberton and from the Tweed to the Forth, made all aware of the coming danger.

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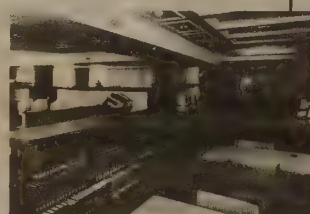
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evidence of this conclusion, I searched the CD for the surname Washington in Virginia and got three listings, including one for George Washington. But the published 1790 index for Virginia includes 13 listings for Washington, including three for George, who was enumerated in the three jurisdictions where he paid taxes. If we eliminate two of the listings for George to make our comparison more fair, that still leaves three hits on the CD versus 11 in the published index—an error rate of eight out of 11, or 73%!

As far as I know, this CD is no longer on the market, so my purpose here is not to warn you off this particular product. Rather, my purpose is to caution you that new technology can be so “buggy” as to be counterproductive if you jump on it as a miraculous device. Searching a CD or any other electronic database can be a fool’s game if you don’t know exactly what you are looking at. Where did the data come from? Who compiled them? Has anything been left out or edited in the process? What is the search engine really doing?

You might make more bona fide music (and save more time) by doing what any good researcher has to do sooner or later: consult the original records!

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Heinz came into my life and helped prove all those letters wrong.

Herr Keute had a stack of documents from Altenlotheim sitting on a coffee table that either pertained to a Frankenthal or was witnessed by a Frankenthal. He told me that he had actually gone to Marburg for the copies.

I was amazed at the array of documents that I had been told never existed!

Then Herr Keute gave me three books about Frankenau.

My visit to Korbach was another wonderful surprise.

Karl-Heinz had arranged for me to meet the former archivist, Herr Wilke. Even though he was now retired and only volunteered his time in the archive, he opened the archive on a Saturday just to meet me and brought his English-speaking wife in case I needed someone to interpret our dialogue.

I knew that he had written

Die Geschichte der jüdischen Gemeinde Korbach (The History of the Korbach Jewish Community). We went through the Löwenstern family trees in the book and he made it clear that the entry for a "Johanette Löwenstern" was actually my Henriette (aka Jettchen) and that the Marcus family mentioned was indeed the same as my Markhoff family.

He gave me a tour of the archive and even showed me all the bound *Corbacher Zeitung* (Korbach newspaper, started by Wilhelm Bing in the middle 1800s), including one from 4 December 1894, the day my grandmother, Ida Frankenthal, was born.

On the way out of the archive I also bought *Die Reihe Archivbilder Korbach* (over 220 pictures of Korbach from the end of the 1800s to the 1960s).

He took me outside the

archive and pointed out ancestral Löwenstern houses.

One day, my cousins and my family were taken to Rauschenberg and its Jewish cemetery, which was hard to find because it was situated in an unmarked field under an umbrella of trees.

Kurt-Willi Julius, the first director of the Vöhl Förderkreis, never gave up until he found what we wanted to see.

We said Kaddish at the graves of the Mildenberg's grandparents and I took pictures of all the standing tombstones. My husband and son pulled a couple of heavy stones into their upright position so we could see who was buried in those spots. Aside from the swarming red ants that stung my son, I was able to add more names to my Plaut, Kadden (Katten), and Mildenberg files.

Our guide also drove back and forth through town until my cousins found their grandparent's home.

The day of my birthday and my cousin's anniversary, Karl-Heinz and his wife, Birgit gave me a book on the 850-year history of Vöhl (1144-1994), printed by Wilhelm Bing, Druckerei und Verlag, Korbach, and the Vöhl church

choir sang for our group. We were all invited to the mayor's dinner reception in Basdorf and he presented us that same book about Vöhl.

My friends exchanged their present to me with *25 Jahre Waldeck-Frankenberg*, a history of the area embellished with many photographs, old etchings and a 1584 map, published by Wilhelm Bing, Korbach, 1999.

This Herr Bing also founded the *Corbacher Zeitung* now called *Waldeckische Landeszeitung*. The significance of this is the fact that the mayor and our Vöhl hosts arranged for our group's eldest guest, Richard Rothschild, to meet a childhood schoolmate at that reception.

Hermann Bing, the son of Wilhelm and present owner of the publishing company and newspaper, who also had attained the ripe old age of 95, surprisingly appeared at the reception. These two former schoolmates met again after 80 years.

It was an experience none of us will forget.

Germany's horrific past could not extinguish their friendship.

At dinner they reminisced over things that had occurred in the first grade!

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Cliff H. MacLean Hansen, continued from page 4 A

knife or necessities for their hut.

Fairgoers arrived home with little or no money.

Burt, in his *Letters from the North of Scotland*, Sinclair's *Northern Counties* and *Northern Rural Life* report their observations of the Highlanders tradings at the Inverness Fair..."If you would conceive rightly of it, you must imagine to see two or three hundred half-naked, half-starved creatures of both sexes, without so much as a smile or any cheerfulness among them, stalking about with trade goods, up to their axles in dirt and at night, numbers of them lying together in stables or other out-house hovels that are hardly any defense against the weather.

With the demanding requirements for joint cooperation of the tenants in sharing the tiny bits of land, ploughing and harvesting and the disappointments of crop failures the *Account Books* report little or no bickering.

Only one quarrel was recorded between to joint tenants.

Disagreements were settled by the tenants agreements to abide by decisions "birleymen" or "proof-men." These were appointed by the people themselves, the tacksman or laird. The facts of the dispute were supplied to the arbitrators. To dispute the decision

One oxgate represented one ox which was the team drawing the plough.

Some rents mention oxgates and one half oxgates, but not ploughates or husband-lands.

Further land subdivision was not likely because it was poor soil or perhaps moisture land requiring drainage. The grain harvest had to feed the family and provide food for the livestock and cover additional expenses and have a set amount leftover for sowing.

'Some farm records report the amount of meal consumed by individuals: a man 6 bolls per annum; a woman, 4 bolls and a child, 1 boll. Estimates say the average size family would consume 13 bolls at least and Highland families were famous for their large size.

Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations* reports, "A half

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The daily menu was sparse: water gruel, bread, pottage and milk, potatoes. During May, June, July and August the food, without change was gruel pottage and milk. Obviously milk was sparingly divided. An egg was a luxury seldom or ever indulged in - far less a fowl.

During the summer, an occasional haddock was an unusual treat.

In this manner of living, two men, two women, three children and a grown girl or lad would subsist on a tiny monetary sum per year. It was hardly enough to give strength for the required manual labor.

The small tenants never indulged in the luxury of beef, of these arbitrators was consid-

ered by all disgraceful in the highest sense.

Next time we shall visit

great-great-grandfather's home and learn of his personal possessions.

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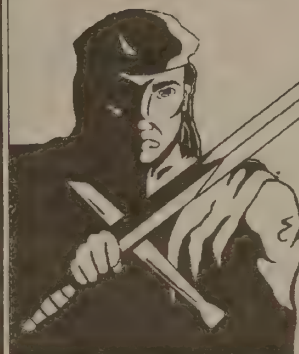
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Ulster Roots, continued from page 20 A

served in the family and now belongs to a descendant living in a Chicago suburb.

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ing and mailing the Journal for the next two years to the Center for Scotch-Irish Studies in Glenolden, Pennsylvania, which has editorial oversight.

The Scotch-Irish Foundation of Bryn-Mawr, Pennsylvania also announced a two-year grant to help support the new publication.

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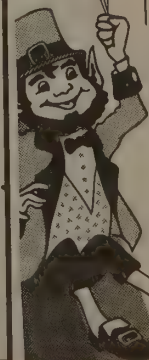
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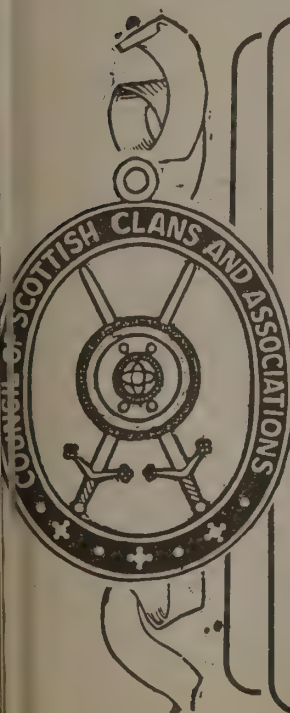
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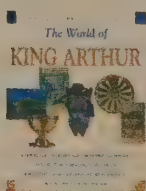
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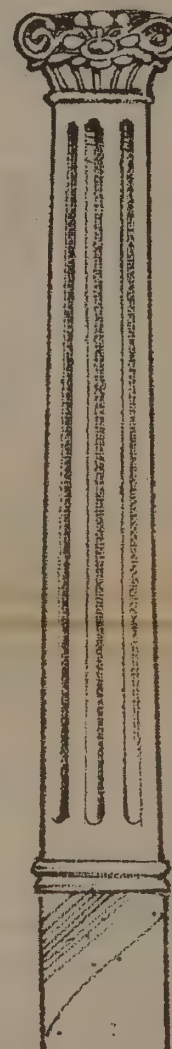
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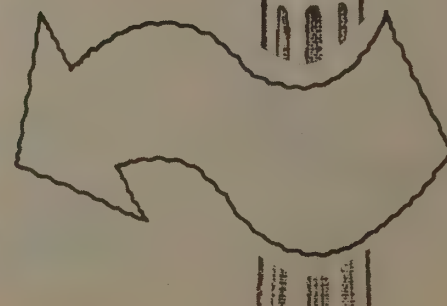
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Werdelin tracks down boney one to win! Dickenson bags skeleton to win big too!

Congratulations to our intrepid skeleton hunters from all over the country! These hardy souls searched the words and paragraphs and pages of the last *Family Tree* to ferret out our boniest friend and win nice prizes!

Winning the \$25 gift certificate from The Skeleton Closet - those are genealogical forms designed for genealogists by a genealogist - is Evelyn Werdelin from Port Charlotte, Florida.

Our other big winner this time, winning a tartan dog collar from Bonbright Woolens (Your choice of tartan) is mighty skeleton hunter, Mrs. Johnnie Jo Dickenson, Huntsville, Texas.

Other fearless hunters winning *Reunion Magazine* subscriptions are: * Kathleen Koepp, Thousand Oaks, California. * Richard Fischer Hamilton, Ohio. * Richard N. Platt, Jr., Milford, Connecticut * J. Lazzari, Frederick, Maryland. * David Dale Dickey, Knoxville, Tennessee. * Dorothy M. Dement, Myrtle Point, Oregon. * Mr. Carroll Dunlap, Dunbar, West Virginia. * Chuck Mantkus, Deming, New Mexico. * Betty D. Spain Decatur, Georgia * Jane L. Lytton, Gastonia, North Carolina.

Why do we do this thing we call skeleton hunting?

Sometimes we are asked, "Why in the world would you hide a skeleton in your pages?"

The simple answer is, "Because it's fun!"

Going a little deeper, sometimes folks are afraid of finding "black sheep," "bad apples," or even "skeletons" in their family history.

Those of us who have worked on our family history for more than half an hour realize that (almost) without exception, everybody has skeletons in their closet!

An experienced genealogist welcomes these twigs on their tree...because they left a paper trail!

You can find them!

But, to make it a little easier for those who are afraid of finding their first skeleton...we just hide him in our pages and you can get that part of your genealogy over with in a hurry.

What will we win next time?

Next time, we'll have a gift certificate from The Skeleton Closet, another tartan goodie from Bonbright Woolens and ten subscriptions to *Reunions magazine*...plus two hunters will win thistle embroidered golf towels from Heritage Embroidery in Moultrie!

It's easy to enter. Just look for the leetle bitty skeleton fellow who is really running from his closet somewhere in these pages. Then, write down where you found him on a postcard and mail it to: Skeleton, PO Box 2828, Moultrie, GA 31776-2828.

Good-bye and thanks to Mr. John Cody!

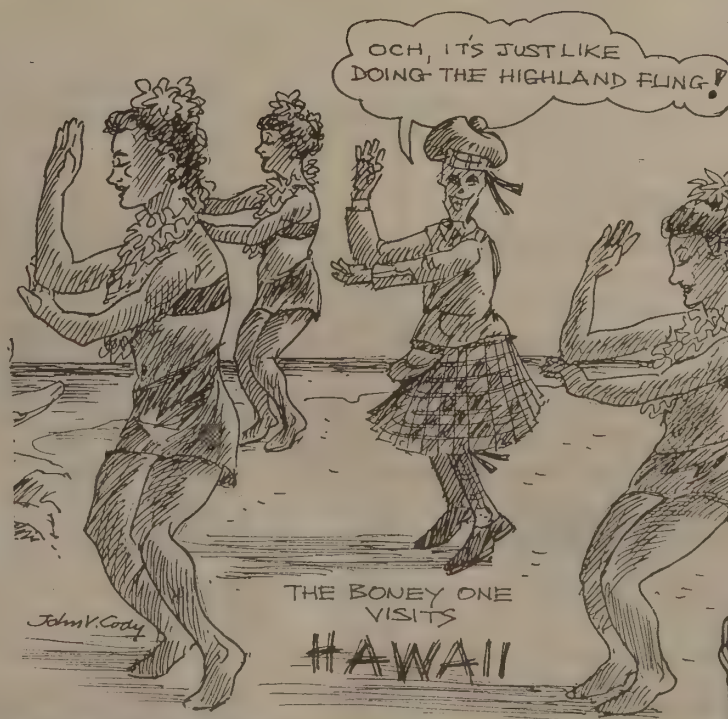
For almost eleven years, Mr. John Cody, cartoonist extraordinaire, has graced our pages with his hilarious renderings of our skeleton. He has kindly and generously shared his artistic talents with all of us on a completely voluntary basis.

Sadly, Mr. Cody is curtailing his work these days and can't continue to draw our boniest one.

Mr. Cody, we will be forever grateful for the time and talent you have so selflessly given to *The Family Tree*.

Thank you, Sir. I will miss you and so will all of our readers.

Love, Beth



Highland Games and Celtic Festival database available

The Family Tree has received a table listing many of the North American Scottish and Celtic games and festivals from the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA), Inc.

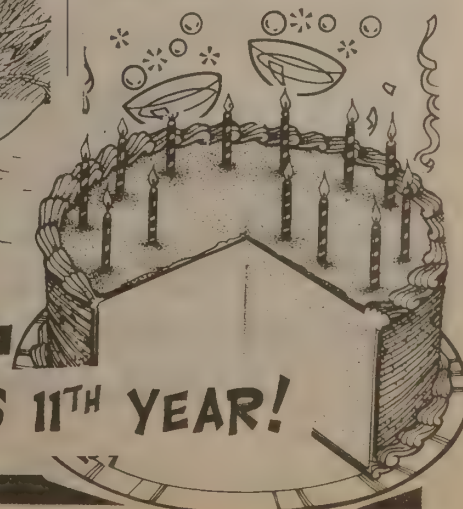
This information has been collected from numerous sources including COSCA, direct mailings, trade publications, magazines, phone conversations and the Inter net. While no guarantee of correctness can be made, we believe it is one of the most accurate listings available.

If you wish to access the listing on the internet, go to <http://www.maclachlans.org/games.html>

If you have an event you would like listed, contact Jim Finegan at jacobite@shirenet.com

The project is sponsored by COSCA, Inc., in cooperation with Clan MacLachlan, Clan MacNeil and Clan Campbell.

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The workshops will be held on Friday, July 13, 2001, at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina. This is also the weekend of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in nearby Linville, North Carolina.

Workshops offered in 1st session (1:00 PM are: 1. Music of the Highlands/Music of the Lowlands (Flora

MacDonald Gammon, musician and historian); 3. Famous Scots In the South (Donald F. MacDonald, author, co-founder GMHG); 5. The Clan System: Creation and Reformation (Dr. W. Rennie McLeod, Professor of History, West Virginia University, owner of Unicorn, Ltd. books); 7. History of the Kilt: Fact and Fiction (Dr. Philip D. Smith, tartan designer, President, International Assn. for Tartan Studies, author of *Tartan for Me* and *District Tartans*.

2nd session (2:45 PM): 2. The Scotch-Irish: Ulster to

America (Matthew Newsome, Curator, Scottish Tartans Museum); 4. Exploding Tartan Myths (Dr. Philip Smith); 6. Scotland's Unsung Heroes and Heroines (Donald F. MacDonald); 8. Scottish Genealogy: How, Where, How to Search (Carolyn L. Barkley, genealogist, Clan Barclay).

There will be comfort breaks between and during each session.

Total cost for the workshops (includes both sessions) is \$20, and checks should be payable to COSCA WORKSHOP. Registration deadline is July 1.

The workshops are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

For registration or additional information: COSCA Workshop, 3220 Frederick Place, Charlotte, NC 28210. Email: <skgmore@aol.com>.



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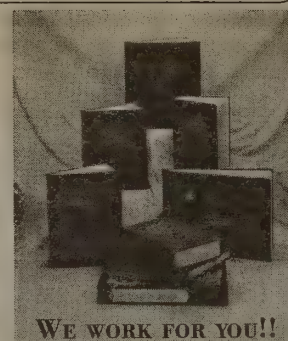
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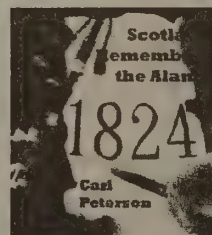
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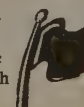
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Royce McNeill appointment to GMHG Board announced

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Chairman Ronald L. McGowan has announced the appointment of Royce Neil McNeill, FSA Scot, to the GMHG Board of Directors.

McNeill has just finished his 20th year as president of the Clan Macneill Associations, Inc. McNeill received the 2000 Ellis Island Medal of Honor as an outstanding American of Scottish descent. Royce has been the honored guest at several Scottish Highland Games and last October was the honored guest at the Flora MacDonald Highland Games, Red Springs, North Carolina.

In 1994, the Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews Presbyterian College awarded him its service award for his outstanding contributions to the Scottish community. McNeill has never missed attending the Grandfather Mountain Games since they started in 1955. He is a member of the Scottish Heritage, USA; The National Trust for Scotland; and the Scottish American Military Society. McNeill is a native son of North Carolina, where his ancestors settled in 1735. He retired from Duke Energy, Inc. in 1991.

Cauthon Family Reunion date set

The Cauthon Family Reunion will be held July 21, 2001 (the third Saturday in July) at the Senior Center in Osceola, Missouri.

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<<http://library.nassau.lib.fl.us/aigs>> or write the Amelia Island Genealogical Society, PO Box 6005, Fernandina Beach, FL 32036.

The Society has also pub-

lished two earlier cemetery books: *Old Bosque Bello Cemetery* and *The Cemeteries of Amelia Island*. Copies of both are still available.

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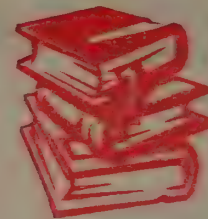
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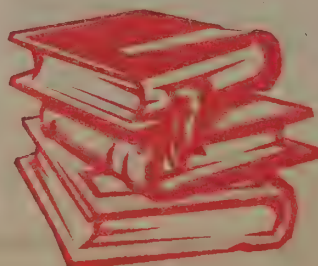
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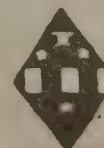
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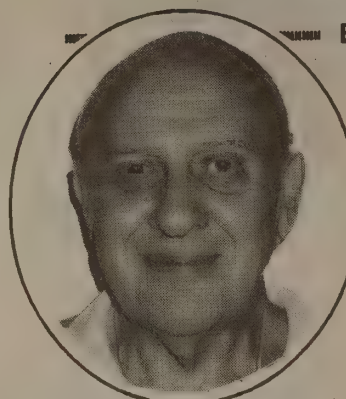
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Italian genealogy is reported to be the fastest growing segment of the field in America. There is even an indication that Italians in the ancestral homeland are beginning to show some interest. If true, this would be a significant turn of events for previously, native Italians have had little

or no interest at all in researching their heritage.

But for Americans of Italian descent, a host of opportunities is now available to assist them as they pursue those precious lineages back into history.

The Internet offers hundreds of sites specifically designed to aid the Italian genealogist. Space does not permit a list of such sites, but by merely clicking your mouse on the Internet and then letting your fingers do the walking on your keyboard by specifying Italian genealogy, you will beam up site after site intended to help you. It is even possible to log into sites in Italy, of course, in Italian. But the ALTA VISTA resource is there to translate Italian into English for you.

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A letter from your editor....
*A funny thing happened
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Your editor, Beth Gay, DCTJ, FSA Sect

Last issue, we had a story about how we hoped that *The Family Tree* would soon be digitized. Hopefully, that's still true. However, a funny thing happened along the way.....

What happened was that we were going into the scary world of cyberspace all on our own. What happened right after our issue was printed was a partnership we had worked on for about a year and a half and thought to be something not to be...that partnership hope revived and may yet happen.

We can't give all the details now, but soon.

We just thought discretion to be the better part of valor and thought it would be better to wait before jumping into those icy and deep cyberspace waters all alone without any lifeboat or even water wings!

So, please keep on sending us your postcards and letters if you wish to be put on the Internet edition (and be sure and include your own email address). We'll save them until "it's time!"

You really made me cry!

Over the holidays I came into the library and the USPS and retrieved mail so that I wouldn't come back to work at the first of the year faced with getting advertising and editorial ready for this issue and be swamped with work generated by the mail.

I was sitting at my kitchen table worrying about whether or not our readers would remember us during their own festive season and whether or not we'd have enough money to pay for and mail the next issue.

I had talked myself into a pretty depressive state...and then began opening your letters.

The first letter I opened had a postage check for \$200.

My eyes opened wide and I gulped.

The next letter had a postage check for \$100.

I started crying...and kept on crying while I opened your letters - most containing such kind and sweet comments - and checks, checks, checks!

The Christmas Spirit certainly struck you all!

Then, I read the last edition of *Clach na Faire* - edited by our dear friend and *The Family Tree* International Correspondent and Photojournalist - Frank Shaw of Atlanta. In his paper, Frank had many kind things to say and announced to one and all that - since he had decided to stop publishing *Clach na Faire* - that all of the leftover "*Clach*" funds would be sent to me.

Talk about blubbering! Narra The Wonder Cat and Peggie Harry Morris were climbing in my lap trying to figure out why their "Mama" was sitting there in a pile of mail sobbing her heart out.

It has always been hard for me to accept compliments. It's always been hard for me to accept good things and gifts in my personal life. I never feel quite deserving.

Multiply that by about a bazillion and you know how I feel when people all over the country are so kind and generous to this little paper - which, although it is my work - is, as you know if you read it carefully - also an extension of me.

So, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the kindnesses and the generosity you have shown.

I must also ask you not to forget *The Family Tree*. It's a "Never-ending Story" in that we finish one...and start working on another and the mailing and printing bills keep on a'coming!

We always have to have at least \$12,000 up front money to mail the paper...and that's after we have paid the \$5-6,000 mailing balance from the last paper and the \$15,000-\$18,000 printing bill. This happens six times a year!

That's a lot of money.

We have no sources of income other than our advertisers and our readers.

Please don't forget us.

I know that you will not let us down.

Love, *Beth*

PS One of our readers has "named me!" I didn't want to be Beth^o any more (Beth Round - since I've lost LOTS of weight) and have to be differentiated from my staff, Beth² (Beth Squared). Now, since I was here first, I'm Beth¹ (which is also a skinny number!). Thanks for the new "name."

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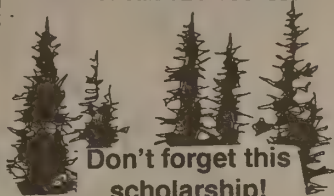
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Order of 1775 Award presented to Lynn Bancroft

At the annual Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society holiday party on December 13, 2000, Lynn Bancroft received the Order of 1775 Award from outgoing President Tim Chavel. Her name, now engraved on the permanent plaque, joins the earlier winners. She also received a certificate.

Bancroft, who says she joined Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society about 1993, has served three terms as the group's recording secretary and two years as a director on the board. For several years, she has assisted with production of the *Quarterly* doing the index, final editing and bulk mailing of the publication. She also mails the *Messenger* each month.

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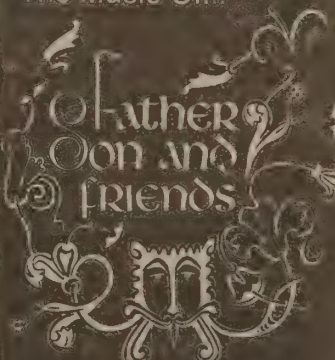
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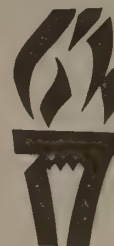
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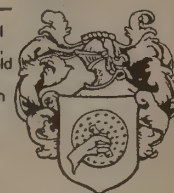
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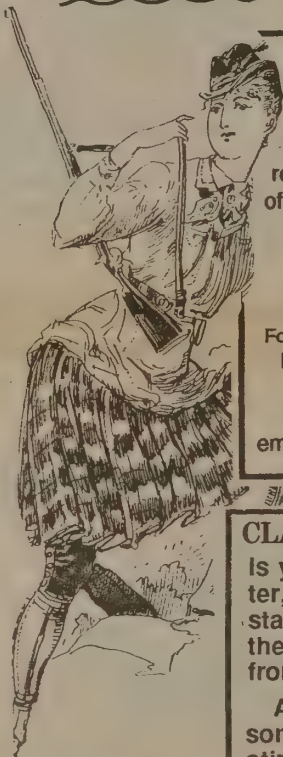
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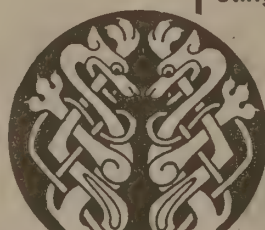
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Flowers of the Forest

Margaret Ann Lyons, passed away on Sunday, November 19, 2000. She was an active member of Clan MacNicol Society and of Clan Sutherland on her mother's side.

Margaret attended many Highland games and along with her brother, Bill Nicol, hosted many Clan tents. She had a second trip planned to Scotland, which had to be cancelled due to illness just two days prior to departure. Both she and her brother had delighted in meeting their cousins and relatives that had only been known through correspondence.

She is sorely missed by her brother, children, grandchildren, nieces and others.

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George Gowans, long time member of the Caledonian Society of Mississippi died on November 24 at the age of 93. He was born in Newfoundland, Canada. He is survived by his wife Willetta and their daughter Carolyn Neal. A00005M2001FB/MR

The St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York mourns the death of its esteemed member and Past President, **J. Sinclair Armstrong** at age 85. Armstrong's love of Scottish heritage and dedication to the charities of the Society will be long and gratefully remembered.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte P. Horwood Faircloth Armstrong; and his children: Katherine C. A. Young, James S. Armstrong, Jr., Stephen H.

and Jeanne H. Armstrong, Robert S. & Phoebe H. Armstrong and Elisabeth Armstrong-Bushey; also, his niece Leslie Armstrong, eight grandchildren, a great-nephew and two great nieces. A00005M2001FB/MR

Clan MacDuff has lost one of its shining stars. **Valerie "Val" Sansom**, founder and long time president of the Clan MacDuff Society of Australia, succumbed to breast cancer on October 5, 2000, after a long and courageous fight. She was born in Manly, February of 1932, to Charles and Dulcie Bullock.

She is survived by her husband, Dick Sansom and three children: Peter, Bill and Vivienne, as well as five grandchildren. A00005M2001FB/MR

Lealys Skeen, wife of Douglas S. Skeen, Lancaster, Texas, passed away November 2, 2000. Lealys had been an enthusiastic and actively involved member of Clan Skene Association since September, 1993. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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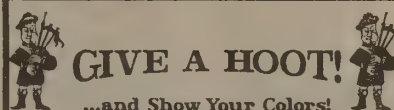
Recently, the Scottish Community lost a true and devoted friend with the passing of **Bobbié Groves, Jr.**, on September 1, 2000 at his home.

This fine gentleman, along with his wife Cornelia, gave generously of time, talent and treasure to preserve and promote the heritage and traditions of Scotland here in North

America. He was an original supporter and past president of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, and an avid supporter of Scottish Heritage, U.S.A. Groves was also a member of 50 years of the St. Andrew's Society of Savannah; a charter member of the Coastal Scottish Heritage Society; as well as a member of SAMS Post 7 since 1987.

He and his wife worked tirelessly to volunteer at numerous Highland Games, representing the Clan Douglas Society of North America and the National Trust of Scotland. Most recently, the Highland Dancing competition at the Savannah Scottish Games was named the Robert Walker Groves Southeastern Regional Championship.

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"Cousin" David's farewell!

Last issue this space told of the chance to acquire PGCS by an appropriate 501 (C) (3) group. This month, we announce that the Harris County Texas Genealogical Society has done so. The PGCS website went dark in January; HCGS folks will have it back up, perhaps even by the time of this issue.

But, it is time for me to say "Goodbye", "Thanks for reading my notes" and helping expand PGCS coding to 14 papers - one in Canada! Keep it up! Someone with HCGS will be with you starting next issue!

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After his retirement from FAA, he was a worldwide consultant for flight simulation and training. He was a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, London, England and the first U.S. citizen to be awarded its Flight Simulation Silver Medal.

Ed was a long time supporter and contributor to *The Family Tree*. He is survived by his wife, Inez; two daughters;

a son and daughter-in-law and a granddaughter.

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Patrick Brian Heveran, 36 of Malvern, Arkansas, passed away on October 13, 2000 at his home. He was born on Aug. 15, 1964 in Wuerzburg, West Germany and his parents are William and Rosie Trimm Heveran. He was a 1983 graduate of Del City High School in Oklahoma and was a welder and a member of Clan Donald USA.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William Aloysius and Rosalia Hegodus Heveran and Kelsie and Lura Ellen Brown Trimm; one aunt, Elsie Trimm Fesmire and one uncle, James Lee Trimm.

He is survived by his parents;

one brother, William Alan Heveran of Malvern; one sister, Debra Adams of Florida and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Taylor Springs Cemetery, Beaverton, Alabama.

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One of Clan MacLeod's truly remarkable couples...**Aubrey and Vanna Halford-MacLeod** of the Isle of Harris, Scotland.. died in recent months: Vanna in January, 1999 and Aubrey in August, 2000. Each was 85 years of age at the time of their deaths.

Vanna, christened Giovanna, was born in Florence, Italy, where her English

parents, Herbert and Alice Durst, ran a silver and goldsmith's workshop. She returned to England for secondary schooling and entered Oxford University where she studied Italian, met Aubrey and subsequently recruited by British Military Intelligence.

Aubrey was born Aubrey Seymour Halford in Birmingham, where his father worked in the motor manufacturing industry. He changed his name to Halford-MacLeod in 1964 to reflect his ancestral ties to the Western Isles. Aubrey was educated at King Edward's School in Birmingham and at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he took a First in Modern Languages. He joined the Diplomatic Service in 1937.

The couple married September 7, 1939 and spent their wedding night in a jail-Wormwood Scrubs, from which the prisoners had been removed and MI5 (British Military Security) moved in. Vanna only got time off to be married by doing night duty.

Vanna also was an accomplished painter and Aubrey was president of the Scottish Society for Northern Studies. He researched and presented several papers on MacLeod Heritage for that organization. He also served as vice president of Clan MacLeod Society of Scotland from 1976-1979. The couple retired to Ardvourlie on the Isle of Harris in 1978. They are survived by their four children, Philip in Fife, Tuairidh in Shetland, Guy and Mary-Bess living in the USA, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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William Ting passed away October 22, 2000. He was born in a remote mountainous part of Yunnan Province near the Himalayas about 9,000 ft. up. His official birthdate was October 4, 1913, but he might have been older given where and when he was born. He was educated at Yenching University in China (sister school to Harvard), won a national scholarship competition to any university in the UK and he chose Glasgow University, a foremost place in the world for earth sciences. He was a geomorphologist and paleobotanist.

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ROBERTSON/ROBISON, ROBERT, my grandfather is said to have been orphaned at an early age. What happened after that, I have been unable to learn. He was one of a large family of boys, we know he was born in North Carolina, ca 1834. No town or county is known. **ROBERT** and **CATHERINE A. GABER** married 4 September 1859, Douglas County, Illinois. Six sons were born in Illinois and in Indiana before the family settled in Southeast Colorado, where **ROBERT** died 5 April, 1905. Burial in the Holly Cemetery, Holly, Prowers, Colorado. Can anyone help? **Mabel I. Robison, 2235 Juntura Court S., Salem, OR 97302-2222** or phone 505-589-9567.

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MARY, DORCUS, DAVID, ANNE, ELIZABETH, CALEB b. in Maryland (1810-1823); **BARBARA, MATILDA, LEVI** b. in Ohio (1828-1831). Contact **John Morrison, P.O. Box 88184, Colorado Springs, CO 80908** or e-mail: <mountainmanor@uswest.net> or phone 719-495-0161.

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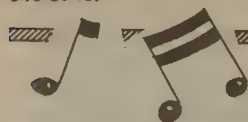
MARY HARRIS, born 1732 in NJ, daughter of **JAMES HARRIS** married a **MOSES LYON**, born at Lyons Farms, 1731. His father was **BENJAMIN LYON**. **MOSES** died 27 March 1813 and **MARY** died 12 June 1809. Children: **JAMES, HENRY, MOSES, OBEDIAH, RICHARD, HANNAH, ABIGAIL, MARY LYON**. Need data on all these children, please. **Richard G. Boyd, PO Box 539, Mt. Morris, MI 48458-0539.**

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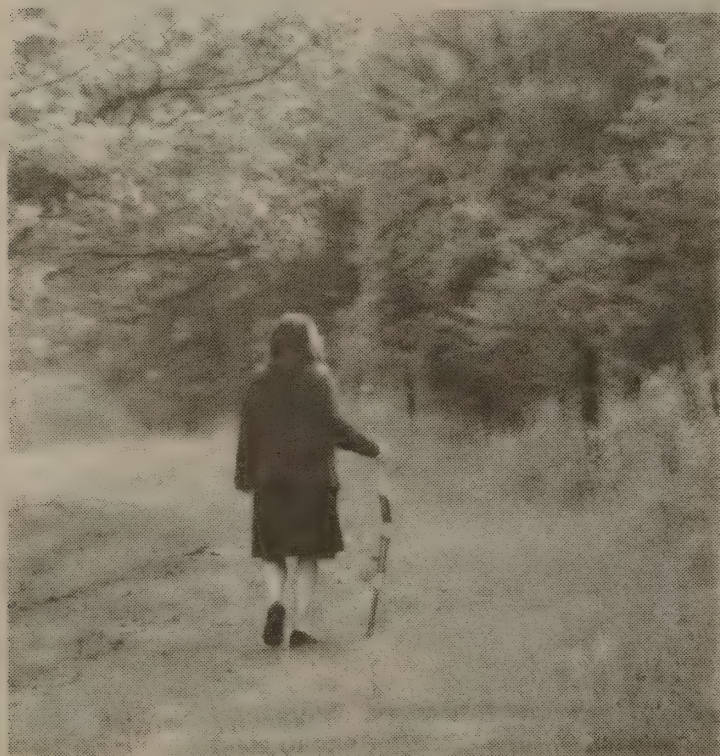


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Angus Macleod strolling by the site of the Lewis Settlers' first church in the wilderness of what is now Huron Township, Ontario, Canada.

Kincardine, Ontario - The anguish of leaving the only home they had ever known; and the triumph of finding a new home. That's the true story told in the new CD, *The Silent Ones, A Legacy of the Highland Clearances*, just released by Angus Macleod of Huron Township, Ontario.

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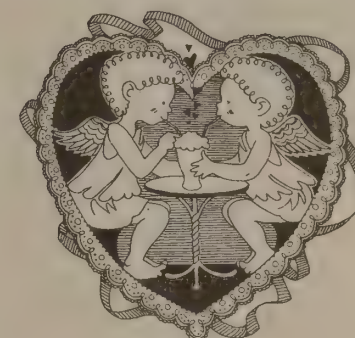


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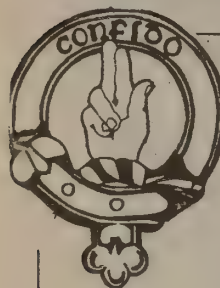
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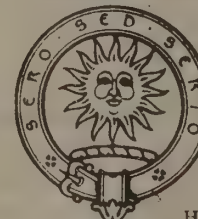
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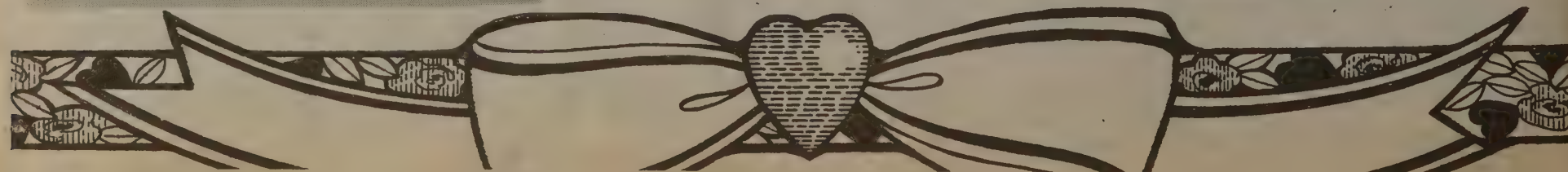


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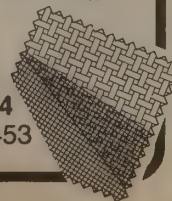
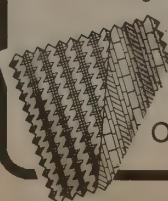
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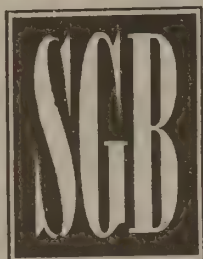
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As is now customary, wreaths will then be laid on the Clan Donald markers and afterwards a lunch will be held at the Drumossie Hotel, at about 1 PM. The Chiefs of Clanranald and Glengarry are to attend all the events.

On this occasion at least eight Clan Donald members from Queensland, Australia will attend under the leadership of Malcolm McDonald, the

Queensland Commissioner.

The Glengarry family are grateful for the many generous donations which were made in 2000 in memory of Lady Glengarry's late husband, Donald, the 22nd Chief of Glengarry. A memorial has yet to be decided upon pending construction of the new museum at the Clan Donald Lands Trust at Armadale, where it will be placed.

Contact Lady Glengarry, Elonbank, Fortrose, Ross-shire, IV10 8TH, Scotland; phone/fax +44 (0) 1381

620121; or e-mail loismac@bigfoot.com for information.

Chiefs gathering set for June 2001

Also in 2001, there will be a gathering in Glencoe called by the four Chiefs of Clan Donald, starting on June 8th and continuing to June 13th. For details, please contact Rob McDonald Parker at PO Box 23379, Edinburgh, EH5 3DZ or e-mail <rmpparker@btinternet.com>.

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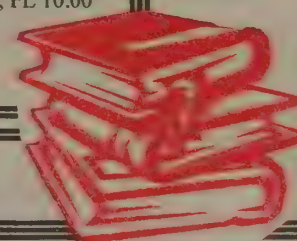
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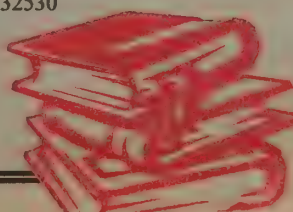
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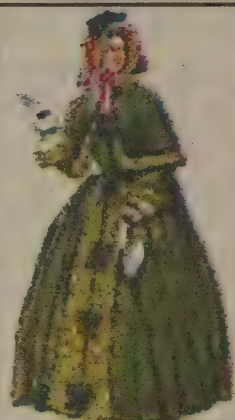
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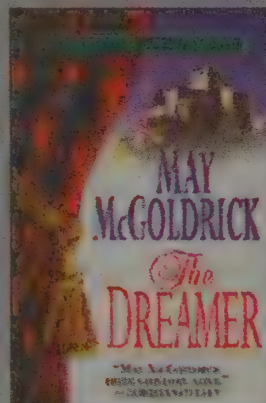
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Clan Donald Scholar starts studies in Edinburgh

Robert S. McGinnis, secretary of the Clan Donald Educational and Charitable Trust of Pittsburgh, reports that Ms. Caitlin DeSilvey, the 2000-2001 winner of the \$7,500 Trust Scholarship for graduate study in Scotland, has arrived at the University of Edinburgh, courtesy of U.S. Airways, to commence her work on Geography and environmental studies.

Each year the Clan Donald Trust awards this scholarship along with eight additional awards of \$150 each that are made to piping, drumming and Highland Dancing competitors at the Ligonier Highland Games, held the first weekend after Labor Day at Idlewild Park, Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

Inquiries about the Games or the Scholarships may be directed to the Ligonier Highland Games, PO Box 884, Bethel Park, PA 15102-0884. Or you can check the Games' web site at www.ligoniergames.org.

Clan Stewart Society of America to meet in Dunedin

The Clan Stewart Society of America will hold its Annual General Meeting in Dunedin, Florida April 6, 7 and 8, 2001. For more information contact: Regional III High Commissioner Mary Urbano: phone 1727-733-8227 or e-mail StewartUrbano@juno.com.

Where is Beth?

Your *Family Tree* editor, Beth Gay, will be speaking in Albany, Georgia on **Saturday, February 10**. If you would like to attend, call Kate Hale at 229-435-1658 for complete details.

Beth will be presenting a program on Scottish genealogy in Ocala, Florida on **Sunday, February 18**. Call Marion Swinn at 302-347-2873 for more information.

The weekend of **February 24**, Beth will represent *The Family Tree* and The Odom Library at the Jacksonville Highland Games in Jacksonville, Florida.

In March, Beth will be in Spartanburg, South Carolina for the Spartanburg County Public Library doing a presentation on **Saturday, March 10**. Contact Martha Dickens at 864-596-3500, ext. 1238, for full information.

Saturday, March 24, Beth will present three programs in Darien, Georgia during the Scottish celebrations there. Contact Martha Carney, 912-437-2124 for times and complete details.

Beth is scheduled to appear on *The Ludlow Porch Show* (find Ludlow on the Internet by going to Yahoo and typing in *Ludlow Porch Show*) on **Wednesday, April 18** and will travel from that program to the Loch Norman Highland Games in Huntersville, North Carolina on **April 21** - representing *The Family Tree* and The Odom Library.

The next weekend, **April 28** is reserved for the Culloden Highland Games in Culloden, Georgia (near Forsyth and Macon, Georgia).

If you'd like to schedule a program for your genealogical society, historical society, Scottish group, etc., just call Beth at 229-985-6540.

Highland Clearances music, continued from page 16 B

etery situated in a remote bushland section of Huron Township. Along the way, he would pass the location of the settler's first church which his great, great-grandfather helped to build in 1858. He would also go by the ashen grove where the Lewis folk held open-air Gaelic church services upon their arrival in the wilderness.

"The first time I visited the Lewis Cemetery, I had this very definite feeling that I had been there before," says Macleod. "It was almost like an early childhood memory. I asked by father about it and he assured me that I had never, ever been there. I have since put it down to some kind of genetic recall."

The 64-minute CD was recorded between February, 1998 and July, 2000, and it meticulously combines state-of-the-art keyboard and computer technology with traditional instruments such as Highland bagpipe, fiddle, whistle, mandolin and hammer dulcimer. Vocals are shared by Macleod and two wonderful young female vocalists from Kincardine, Ontario.

"I remember taking a break from recording one

evening, stepping outside to catch a breath of night air," recalls Macleod. "I had left the tape machine running and one of the Gaelic portions was drifting out the studio window; the ancient words of the text bouncing off the trees and floating across the fields down to the tiny stream at the back of our property. In a moment of enlightenment, I realized that these old words, now foreign to the area's residents, had not been spoken here since my great-grandparents' time. As the words echoed carelessly around my great-grandfather's former homestead, I swear I could feel his spirit in the rustling of the trees and the gentle motion of the summer breeze."

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The Blairs are a Clan!

The Blair Family is indeed a Scottish Clan according to a detailed legal opinion rendered by Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw, Bt. QC Rothesay Herald at Arms to the Lord Lyon Court in Edinburgh. The Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs concur in this opinion.

Sir Crispin Agnew states, "Clan is regularly used nowadays to describe all types of Scottish families who have an armorial chief." (Chiefs of both early branches of the Blair family, the Blairs of that Ilk, (Blairs of Blair), and the Blairs of Balthayock were granted arms by the Scottish Crown and therefore are armigerous families.)

This opinion was requested in order to obtain an authoritative and definitive answer to the question of the Blair Family being a Scottish Clan.

Secretary, George Way, Baron of Pleand, and Deputy Secretary Romilly Squire, of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, met with William Campbell Blair, M.D. at the Pleasanton Scottish Games. They are also coeditors of the

Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopedia, in which the Blair Family is listed among the armigerous clans and families of Scotland, and they indicated there is no distinction in present day usage between the terms armigerous clan, and armigerous families; in other words these are interchangeable terms. Therefore, they agreed that use of the name "The Clan Blair Society" is appropriate and correct.

Copies of Sir Crispin Agnew's legal opinion are available by e-mail at Bbblair13@aol.com

Clan Moncreiffe Society holds Annual Meeting

The third annual meeting of the Clan Moncreiffe Society, N.A. was held at the Stone Mountain Games in Atlanta, Georgia in October.

Officers elected for a two-year term were Ernest Moncreiff, President; Lary Moncrief, Vice President; Charlotte Moncrief, Secretary; Ernest Moncrieff, III, Treasurer.

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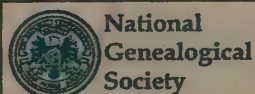
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There will be categories for every conceivable publishing format: magazine; newspaper; photocopied single sheet - and any other categories entered.

There will be a first through fourth place awarded in as many categories of publications as are received. Last year, there were twelve categories.

Honorable Mentions will be

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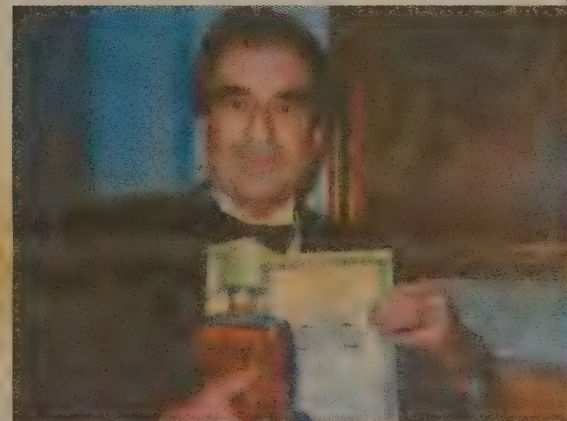
Clan Donald 2001 AGM committee offers everyone an opportunity

The Clan Donald Annual General Meeting will be held next September 27-30, in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Clan Donald Minnesota has embarked upon an ambitious plan to raise funds for this important meeting.

Donations are being sought for prizes including a 11-day, 10 night trip to Scotland in 2002 for two; and a Transfer Deed to one Hog's Head of Ben Nevis Scotch Whisky.

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There is a free category for those who wish to enter, but who don't wish to make a contribution, with four prizes.

If you would like complete information on how to enter the drawing - and everyone is welcome to enter - simply fill out the form on page 16 A or visit the www.clanDonald-agm.com website for complete information.

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Does anybody have a free/cheap place for German Genealogical Society of America?

The German Genealogical Society of America, 2125 Wright Avenue, Suite C-9, La Verne, CA 91750-5816 is having a very difficult time right now. They have more books, lots of sophisticated computers, internet at <[HTTP:FEEFHS.ORG/GGSA/FRG-GGSA.HTML](http://FEEFHS.ORG/GGSA/FRG-GGSA.HTML)>, monthly workshops, informal German classes, and seminars. Maralyn Wellauer came in November as the new librarian and is getting books up on the shelves. The only problem is that they have no money.

T. Maureen Schoenky, president of GGSA, advises that she has been paying the rent and the bills for the past

months from her life savings, and that is dwindling fast. She supposes the Internet is to blame for some of it. They are looking for another cheaper place for the Library, and in today's market in their area, that is extremely difficult. The GGSA has helped a lot of people find their families, and people are coming from New York, Pennsylvania, South Africa, and Europe to the Library; and for this reason, she is reluctant to put the collection in storage somewhere.

Help needed with 1891 New York immigrant index

Volunteers are being sought to help create the *Index of 1891 New York Immigrants from Austria, Poland, and Galicia*. No special training is need. It

would involve looking through microfilms of ship's records for that year, listing people with those citizenships, and mailing (or e-mailing) your list to me for including in the total list.

You would be adding to an important and permanent index for everyone's free search capabilities. To get an idea of what the final product will look like, you can examine the corresponding index for 1890 at <<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/1890ny.htm>>

Access to the 1891 microfilms of ship's records would be no problem. They are available at several National Archives branches (Washington, DC, Pittsfield, MA, New York City, Chicago, and Denver); several large public libraries (New York City, Jamaica, NY, Boston, Fort Wayne, Dallas, Houston, Madison, Wisconsin (Historical Society); and through any of the 3500 local LDS Family History Centers throughout the country.

Anyone interested, please e-mail me at: <rellesh@nycap.rr.com> Howard Relles, Schenectady, New York.

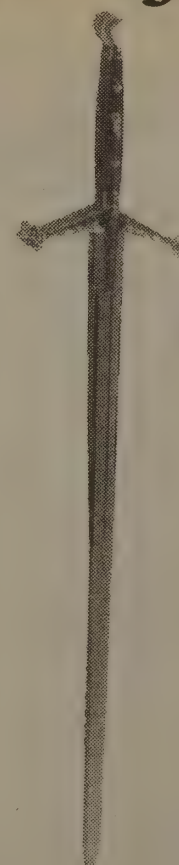
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Could it be Irish or Quaker?

Some say it is an Elizabethan saying and that "lay hole" means a grave! It was used in Parr, St. Helens, Lanes, England where, incidentally Sir Thomas Parr lived. His daughter married Henry the VIII.

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Some significant sub-collections include one grouping of 1700 glass negatives made by Alban S. Harper depict Tallahassee from 1885 to 1910.

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This important collection is available at the Florida State Archives and copies of most items can be provided for a nominal charge. A copy of the

Archives' general fee schedule is available from the Florida State Archives, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. Call 904-487-2073.

Grave identification assistance needed by the Delaware Indians

Attempts are underway to identify Delaware Tribal members buried in the Bezion Cemetery, Delaware, Nowata County, Oklahoma. This is a "patent" Delaware Indian Cemetery. A patent cemetery is public land set aside before allotments were made and before Oklahoma became a state.

According to Land Management committee member Edna L. Havens, the cemetery is estimated to have 300 graves. Most are unknown and unidentified. The oldest headstone is 1872 and most burials are before the early 1900s.

If you have pertinent information, please contact Edna L.

Havens at 1-918-333-3428 or write in care of 6641 S.E. Castle Court, Bartlesville, OK 74006-9016.

Thanks to *Delaware Indian News*, 220 NW Virginia Ave, Bartlesville, OK 74003.

Orphans in the New World

Between 1869 and 1930, about 100,000 children were taken from workhouses and homes for waifs in the British Isles and sent to Canada. Many lost all connection with their families, becoming orphans in a new world. An ongoing project of The British Isles Family of Greater Ottawa is to extract evidence of these "home children" from ships passenger lists at the National Archives in Ottawa.

Until last year, lists were available only through 1919. Finally, the Department of Human Resources has released the ships passenger lists for the years between 1920 and 1935.

Write BIFHSGO, PO Box

38026, Ottawa ON K2C 1N0, Canada for the current status of their effort. With thanks to Foothills Genealogical Society, PO Box 150382, Lakewood, CO 80215-0382.

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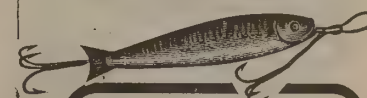
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Woodmen Circle was the women's auxiliary to Woodmen of the World, however, it did accept male members in areas where Woodmen of the World did not operate.

On January 1, 1965, the Woodmen Circle and

Woodmen of the World merged under the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society name.

During the early part of the century both Woodmen and the Woodmen Circle offered a "monumental benefit" as a rider to all their life insurance products. Under the benefits, at death additional funds would be provided to purchase a gravestone. These stones were carved by local stone cutters and appear in a variety of shapes and sizes. They all, however, have the Woodmen or Woodmen Circle logos on them somewhere.



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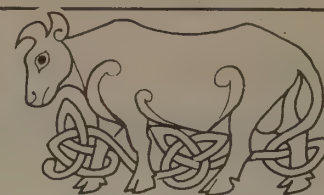
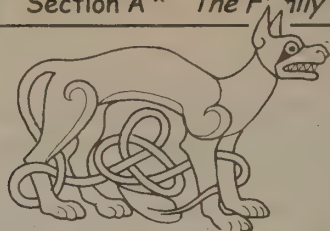
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Glimpses of Old-World Scotland

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Some authors report the common people of Scotland who are fed with oatmeal are, in general, neither so strong or handsome as the same rank of people in England who are fed with wheaten bread. They nei-

ther work or look so well and show that the Scottish diet is not suitable for the human constitution as their neighbors of the same rank in England.

Some explain it was the shortage of food rather than its

nature that was to blame.

Times were tough...in times of bad harvests such as 1770-1771, deaths on the farms were scarcely mentioned in the *Account Books*. Deaths were caused by epidemics and un-

usual unhealthy seasons, but for people on the poorer lands, starvation was the contributing cause.

Because poor tenants had to share their meager supply of food with the farm animals, usually one ox was shared for the common ploughing. A few ponies for carts and one half-starved horse for heavier work. A cow was essential but rarely met the needs of an ordinary family. The rents of areas of poor soil were paid with money. Areas of better soil, the rents were paid by grain

harvest. Throughout the year, one ounce of meat was an individual's average. During the winter months, the livestock suffered greatly from lack of available pasture grazing.

Other overhead expenses: School dues paid by the parents at 4 shillings per annum for reading, 8 shillings for Latin or arithmetic. Incomes from lint, wool, eggs, spinning purchased leather for shoes, salt for the cattle. Weaving or tailoring made the fee to the miller for grinding and the minister's stipend.

The purchase of whisky was perhaps the most heavy annual expenditure.

In the north of Scotland, four or five major fairs were held which offered a marketplace for the Highlander's commodities. One fair observer remarked, watching the trading, "Good God! You could not conceive there was misery in this island."

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Charleston, SC	1820-1829	1820-1829
Savannah, GA	1890-1924	1906-1945
New England	1600's	1600's

Information given on lists generally includes ship's name, arrival date, passengers' names, age, sex, occupation, nationality, and sometimes literacy, destination, class of travel (first class, steerage, etc.), embarkation port, and on 1880's lists, sometimes place of birth!

Beginning about 1890: generally all of the above plus departure date, marital status, race, last residence, name and address of close relative or friend in homeland, how much money carried, whether ever in U.S. before, name and address of a relative or contact in the U.S., health, height, weight, hair and eye color, and from about 1920, planned length of stay and citizenship intentions!

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IMPORTANT:

Index search AND List search BOTH needed unless you already know name of ship and EXACT arrival date AND port. (If not found in index, List search fee will be refunded.) If port is unknown, I suggest a 3 port search beginning with the (larger) ports at the top of the list. Indexes are generally every name (not just head of household).

If found on list, photocopies of pages from list showing passenger's name and ship's name will be provided along with cost quote for copy of entire list and for history of ship and shipping line, often including a picture of the ship!

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It happened again, yes, it did!

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This week the wire services carried several articles about the ancestry of George W. Bush and of Al Gore.

Of course, 50% of George W. Bush's ancestry is that of his father, and that was already researched when the elder Bush won the election 12 years ago.

The wire services report that the first Bush to settle in America came from Messing, a small village near Colchester, Essex, England in the 17th. This small village was mentioned in the Domesday Book hundreds of years ago. It hasn't grown much since then; today Messing has a population of 250 souls. Reynold Bush, the son of a yeoman farmer, emigrated to America in 1631, building himself a new life in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Historical records show that Bush was a fairly common name in Messing from 1391 to 1597, with 37 references to Bushes in church documents. There are no Bushes in Messing these days, however.

Burke's Peerage suggested that George W. Bush would be the eventual winner. "The candidate with the most royal blood has always been the victor. Mr. Bush has twice as many royal connections as Mr. Al Gore," said publishing director Harold Brooks-Baker after concluding genealogical probes into their backgrounds. "Although never in the history of the United States have two presidential candidates been endowed with so many royal connections, our final research proves that Governor Bush will be the President-elect Bush on November 7," he added. Mr. Harold Books-Baker obviously wrote his remarks prior to November 7, and he didn't forecast the closeness of the Florida vote.

Brooks-Baker reports that George W. Bush is closely related to every European monarch on and off the throne—from the king of Albania to



Sweden's House of Bernadotte—and has kinship with every member of Britain's royal family, the House of Windsor. Bush is the 13th cousin of Britain's Queen Mother, and his family tree can be documented as far back as the early 15th century.

Brooks-Baker reports that Al Gore has fewer royal relatives, but nevertheless his ancestors range from Holy Roman Emperor Otto I to the royal princes of Hanover.

Al Gore has a strong Irish connection as well. His grandmother was born in Northern Ireland, and he can trace ancestry to a Swinney family living in Cork in the mid-18th Century. Mr. Gore's Second cousin, the novelist Gore Vidal, has claimed the Gores are descended from Sir Paul Gore, whose brother was London Mayor and who settled in County Donegal in the late 16th Century.

Several Gores sat as members of the Irish Parliament before the Act of Union. One of their descendants was so-

Senility Prayer!

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never like anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

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called rebel countess Constance Gore-Booth, who appeared in a poem by Yeats, married a Polish artist, and became active in the Irish War of Independence. A family link between her and Al Gore has been made, but is tenuous.

Gore's ancestors have also been linked to the side of the Gore family that once held the Saunderscourt estate, near the village of Crossabeg, County Wexford. Again, the connection is tenuous. Deeds dating from 1749 have been found detailing the sale of the 10-bedroom house and 80 acres of land by a Sir Arthur Gore. Today the mansion lies in ruins.

With the outcome of the election now decided, we know the next American president will have royal roots. Congratulations George W. Bush!

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Judy Carol Frye Nolde of Keedysville, Maryland has a Honda with a tag showing her "Scotish" heritage. Her sister, Joanne Sandra Frye of Charleroi, Pennsylvania has "Scotlan" on her Ford Explorer.

We had lots of Santa's this Christmas! Thanks to all who so kindly shared with us...

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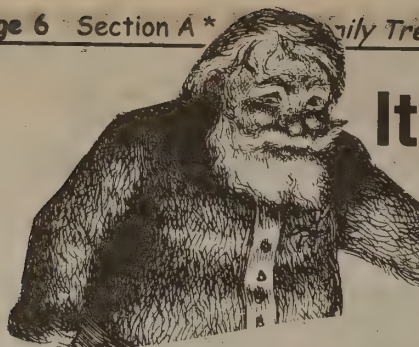
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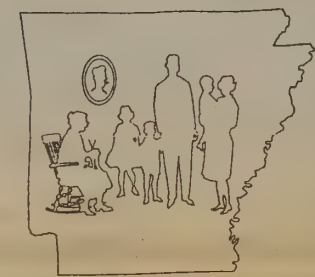
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Gold brooch discovered at Ardvreck Castle

An exquisite ring brooch has recently been discovered at Ardvreck Castle, the ancient stronghold of the MacLeods of Assynt. The brooch is good quality workmanship of pure gold and made for someone of social standing.

Patricia Weeks, Assistant Curator of Archaeology at Inverness Museum describes it as follows: "This gold ring brooch was found recently at Ardvreck Castle and has been both delighting and baffling to all who have seen it. It is unusual to see a Scottish ring brooch of gold, as most were made of silver or copper-alloy. Even more unusual is the enamelling, in blue, white and green, which picks out the detail on both sides of this piece. The brooch is dated 1600, and opinion is divided about whether it really is of that date, or a later copy."

The inscription on the back of the brooch reads 'FEIR GOD IN HIART C M A 1600' and those with a keen eye will realize that HIART is actually spelt wrongly. Quite often, skilled craftsmen of this period were illiterate.

The brooch was reported a Treasure Trove in accordance with Scots Law, and has been allocated to Inverness Museum & Art Gallery where it shall shortly be placed on public display.

Ring brooches were quite common in mediaeval Scotland used by Highland women to fasten an outer garment or plaid about their shoulders. The engraved initials pose a problem which may never be solved. In the year 1600, Donald Ban Mor (ca. 1560-1647) son of Neil the Tutor was Chief of the MacLeods of Assynt.

Dr. Leonard McLeod tentatively has suggested that the initials are those of Christian MacLeod (nee' Ross) second wife of Donald Ban Mor. She was certainly present at Ardvreck at this time and ran the estate when her husband was an old man. C Christan M MacLeod A Ardyreck.

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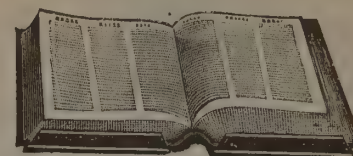
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Just about anyone over the age of 40 will remember the Broadway play *Music Man*, in which a traveling salesman persuades parents in a small town to pay in advance for uniforms and equipment for a nonexistent boys band. To get the money, the salesman tells the parents he knows a quick way to teach children how to play musical instruments, even if the children can't read music.

Those of us interested in genealogy might do well to hum a few tunes from *Music Man* as we pursue the many new products being advertised these days to help people trace their family tree. It seems we may have a few traveling salesman of our own to worry about. Most of these products have one thing in common: they purport to accelerate your research, thus saving you time and money. For folks in a big hurry (and that seems to include a lot of genealogists), speeding up the process is music to their ears.

But if we look a little closer, these products have something else in common: They mostly fall in that endlessly amusing category of con-

sumer items known as Too Good To Be True. Yes, they can confer some benefits, but they also create the perception that new technology can replace traditional research strategies. That is strictly a salesman's pitch. Let's take a rather extreme example:

Several years ago, I became aware of a company selling a compact disk (CD) called the Complete 1790 U.S. Census. The package said the disk contained a "searchable database of over 6,000 images." Since at that time there was nothing else comparable on the market, this product seemed like a real breakthrough, even at a retail price of about \$80.00. These were, after all, actual images of the microfilm, not just an index.

Then a woman who had used the CD told me she could not find her ancestors on the disk, despite evidence from other sources of her ancestors' whereabouts in 1790. When I questioned her more closely, it turned out she had failed to find anywhere from four to 11 people in each of five Virginia counties supposedly on the disk. This got me curious. Sta-

tistically, something was wrong. On any family tree, you might reasonably expect to find a few individuals who were missed by the census taker in any given census year. But four or more in each of five counties in the same year? That didn't seem plausible, even for Virginia (whose enumeration for 1790 had to be reconstructed from tax lists after the actual census returns were destroyed). So I examined the CD for myself.

As a cross-check against the woman's experience, I tested another copy of the same product. This time, I first consulted the printed version of the 1790 Census (an index published by the U.S. Government in the early 1900s) and arbitrarily picked a common name—John Price—from the enumeration for Virginia (the reconstructed list). In the printed index, I found eight listings for John Price in Virginia in 1790. I then searched the CD for the same name in Virginia. To my surprise, I got only one hit! What happened to the other seven? One hit out of eight is an error rate of 87%—a rate so high as to make the database useless. Was this just a fluke; were some of the John Prices in the printed index the same man? Or were there other errors of substantial magnitude on the CD? What was going on here?

I next tried searching in Virginia on the surname Rice. That's when I encountered another surprise: The search engine on the CD could only search on a string of characters, such as r-i-c-e, not on an actual name. Therefore, a search on Rice was also a search on Price and on any other name containing the sequence r-i-c-e. That made the search engine a lot less useful. But even after allowing for this limitation, the results were the same: The CD contained six listings for the surname Rice as compared to 47 listings for the same name in the published index—again, an error rate of 87%!

On the chance the problem was unique to Virginia (since, as I said earlier, the 1790 "census" for Virginia is actually a reconstruction), I switched to Massachusetts and searched on the name Lee. I knew I was going to get a lot of nonmatches by searching on only three characters, and sure enough, the search produced a total of 123 "hits," only 83 of which were Lees. But here again, there was a significant discrepancy between the CD and the published index for the same population: 83 listings for Lee on the CD versus 96 in the published record—an error rate of 14% (13 missing listings out of 96).

Now it's true that 14% is not nearly as bad as 87%, but

in my opinion, any database with a double-digit error rate is fundamentally flawed as a genealogical tool. Why waste your time? You are obviously not "speeding up" your research if you know going in you are missing at least 14% of your data, and possibly a lot more!

In the case of this CD, there were still other problems. As already indicated, I got 183 listings when I searched in Massachusetts on the surname Lee, and 40 of the listings turned out not to be Lees. Those other 40 included a total of 22 surnames, only five of which appear in the published 1790 Census for Massachusetts. That struck me as really strange. The compiler of the CD found 17 surnames in Massachusetts that the compiler of the published index did not find. Was that possible? To make a long story short, my answer was: NO! There was something inherently wrong in the content of the CD.

I contacted the manufacturer of the CD in hopes of solving the mystery. As a spokesman for the company explained, the company had contracted with an outside party to transcribe the names from the microfilm for 1790 to create a searchable database. I got the impression that the company did not realize the U.S. Government had already done that job and published the results 90-some years ago! In any event, I could only conclude that the contractor in this case was wholly incapable of reading the handwriting on the microfilm and producing an accurate transcription, thus rendering the database on the CD completely worthless for any serious application. As further

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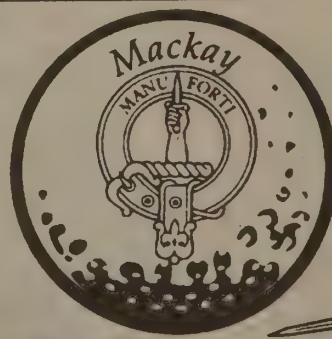
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The Clan Ross Association plans anniversary celebration

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Planned events include: closed budget meeting, executive board meeting, Clan Ross Tent on Friday; General Meeting and Clan Ross Dinner on Saturday; and Survivors' Dinner on Sunday evening. For updates you might wish to check Clan Ross web site: <www.ClanRossAssociation.Org> or the Grandfather Mountain web site: <www.gmhg.org>.



Flowers of the Forest

Patricia Angeline Mullinax Forrester, wife of James Wm. (Jim) Forrester, Past Vice-president of Clan Forrester Society, died on January 9, 2001, of cancer. Born February 28, 1942, in Greenville, South Carolina, she was the daughter of Sadie Angeline Mull Mullinax of Piedmont, South Carolina and Ervin Eugene Mullinax of Covington, Georgia. She was a homemaker, a Baptist and a member of Clan Forrester Society.

Burial was January 12, 2001 at Graceland Cemetery West, Greenville, South Carolina. In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by a daughter, Tonja Angeline Forrester Gentry, of Taylors, South Carolina; a son, James Keith Forrester of Greenville, South Carolina; a sister Debbie M. Mullins of Piedmont, South Carolina; a brother, Rick Mullinax of Fayetteville, Georgia; and two grandsons, Brandon Mikel Forrester and Ryan Preston Gentry.

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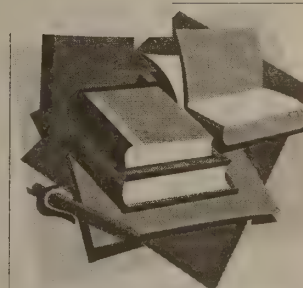
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The Crest of our Chief, John Shaw of Tordarroch.



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ONE MAN'S OPINION: CHIEF'S CREST OR JUST ANYBODY'S BADGE?

By Frank R. Shaw, FSA Scot, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Part Two (Continued From Last Issue)

I am using the Crest of John Shaw of Tordarroch, 22nd Hereditary Chief of Clan Shaw, for illustration purposes only. Since Clan Shaw was a "broken clan" for centuries, it is essential to understand some minor elements of heraldry. Major Charles John Shaw, our current Chief's father, was recognized as Chief of Clan Shaw in 1970 by Lord Lyon, giving us a Chief for the first time in over 400 years and removing the stigma of being a "broken clan". Once more, we were a recognized clan. This was possible because Major Shaw spent 25 years assembling the information necessary for Lord Lyon, with one stroke of his pen, to put Clan Shaw back on the map. Interestingly, some do not accept Lyons' comments about the crest, but they do about the clan - in this case, Clan Shaw!

Years ago while at Lake Lanier (Georgia) on board our houseboat, the *KO Option*, I was flying the Rampart Lion when I did not know better. A visitor from the UK on board another boat at our dock asked, "Why are you flying the Queen's flag?" Without batting an eye, I told him my queen was on board and that as her husband, it made me king of our ship, and I could fly whatever I wanted to fly. After all, this was America! Boy, did I tell him! While it brought chuckles from our dock neighbors, I realized, albeit much later, what a fool I had been, and while that was not the first time I have made a fool of myself, and I dare say it will not be the last, I hope I have grown a little and learned a little since then.

I would apologize to my English "cousin" if I could, but I'll never have that chance. And while it may have been technically correct from an American's position, I still made a mistake, and I admit I was dead wrong as well as being rude. I'm aware that my Mama would have beaten my bottom either literally or verbally (sometimes the former was easier on me than the latter) if she had heard me showing off in front of my neighbors. I've thought about that wee incident from time to time since then, and I hope I've learned enough not to feel the need to point out we settled that matter with the Boston Tea Party and later revolution beginning in 1776.

It reminds me of "The Ugly American" syndrome that American tourists abroad have created with answers like mine. Also, 30 years ago, we used to ask while traveling throughout Europe, "How much is that in real money?" Well, we do not ask that question now. The worm has turned! It also reminds me of the American tourist who broke in line at the Lourve one day to ask, "What's in there? Anything worth my time?"

I hope it is worth our time to study or do a little research to find some answers and remember that those from that other country we love so much called Scotland have their own rules and regulations, traditions and legends which mean a lot to them and that we should be respectful of those things that matter so much. What's in there? Is anything in there worth my time? You bet! Let's take a look at what some of the "pros" have to say.

While attending the Highland Games in Mesa, AZ back in 1996, I purchased a book by Sir Thomas Innes, entitled *Scots Heraldry* that was first published in 1934 with a second edition in 1956 and reissued in 1971. I figured that whatever he had to say about heraldry should be worth studying since it had been reprinted a couple of times over a 37-year period of time. After all, he was the Lord Lyon. I wanted to know what he had to say about the badge that you and I wear on our caps, bonnets, shirts and coats. I found that our badge has a lot to do with the Chief's crest. I found out that the main purpose and use of the badge was to identify the followers of the Chief. We are stewards of the Chief's crest.

Innes, in his section on "Highland Dress and Ornaments", states "the use of the crested 'cap-badge' is an invariable accompaniment of the kilt or Highland bonnet. These badges normally display the crest of the Chief, within a so-called garter." When the Knight of the Garter criticized the use of the 'garter' as an infringement and a breach of the laws,

investigation showed correctly that the Lyon had always officially described the 'garter' as a belt and buckle. He won!

Lyon goes on to say that the "Scottish cap-badge is simply a conventional form of the plate and strap with which clansman and adherence bore their Chief's badge." And, he adds, "the use of a Chief or Chieftain's badge in this form is therefore not 'usurpation of arms' but an expression of adherence to that particular Chief or Laird. This strap and buckle crest-badge is the proper form of badge to be worn by all the family."

According to Innes, "there is, however, no such thing as a 'family' or 'clan' crest. It is the property of the Chief alone, and it is correct to display this in a cap-badge - with the necessary 'belt and buckle' - which indicates that the use is as clansman or follower." (Underlining here and later is mine.)

Later Lyon states "where the strap and buckle badge is shown on notepaper of Clan Societies, or clan folk's wearing apparel, the words 'An Ceann Cìrean Cinnidh' are required to prevent assertions that it is 'the clan's badge' and so on." The accompanying footnote goes on to say "other than the strap and buckle broach."

In another marvelous little book published in 1938, the year of my birth, by the same Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, he states the following in the *Tartans of the Clans and Families of Scotland*: "The science of Armory, or Heraldry, as a system of identification, was evolved in the twelfth century." Simple devices were adopted by leaders that could be readily identified by their followers. Shields and banners were painted as were shirts and worn over armor, and that is how the phrase or term "coat of arms" as we know it today came into being. These armorial bearings became personal marks of identification for clansmen to show who was their Chief.

The same can be said for the crest of the Chief. Innes goes on to say that "a crest cannot exist except as a subsidiary to a coat of arms." What this means is that the crest is a part of something bigger than itself, and it cannot belong to two people at the same time. Since the Chief's crest is one of a kind, then no one else can lay claim to it while the Chief is alive. A coat of arms can only distinguish or identify one person, and the same is true of the crest, which is part of the coat of arms. Keep in mind that this is about identification.

Of the nine parts to a coat of arms that Innes lists, the crest is listed as number five - right dab in the middle of the whole thing - four above, four below. While the shield is considered the most important item, I find it interesting that the crest is in the middle, or to use the title of Graham Greene's book, it is **The Heart of the Matter**.

Those who claim the encircled crest with the belt and buckle is only the clansman's badge miss the heart of the matter. Again, without the crest of the Chief to encircle, one is left with nothing but a belt and buckle filled with just that, nothing. What is missing in their argument is the allegiance that the Chief's crest has represented for centuries. Also missing is the recognition of the Chief to his or her followers and the recognition of the follower to his or her Chief.

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Scottish Country Dancing

Evelyn M. E. Murray, FSA Scot

The passing of an era - Jimmy Shand, 1908-2000

When Jimmy Shand's name is mentioned we think of music for dancing, and the button accordion. He made his own instrument; and my understanding is that it is not an easy instrument to play. When we think of dance music we are considering the gamut of Scottish music for dancing. His recordings, and tunes he wrote cover couple dances (waltz, polka, schottische); ceilidh dances (Dashing White Sergeant, Strip the Willow, etc); and strict time Scottish Country dances.

It was at the last type of dancing that I first danced to Jimmy Shand's band, live. At the time I was a student at the University of Southampton, and very active in our SCD Club. Once a year a party of us would hire a van and drive to Southsea for the annual Ball held in the South Parade Pier and sponsored by the Portsmouth & Southsea SCD Society. Sometimes Bobby Watson would be the entertainment during the interval, but the great draw was Jimmy's music. Later I was to visit him at his

home in Auchtermuchty, Fife, accompanying Scottish Fiddler, Ron Gonnella, who sometimes performed with Jimmy in the Ceilidhs together.

My impression of him? I knew a quiet, unassuming man, dedicated to his music. I am sure that everyone who came to his and his wife Anne's home were treated the same. Offered a welcome, a cup of tea and a chat. But behind that quiet persona was someone who knew as much about playing music for dancing as anyone, and probably a great deal

more than most. It was a dance teacher in Dundee who introduced Jimmy to the precise needs of the Scottish County dancer. We assume that the band will play in strict tempo, the exact number of bars required, and will start and end with a chord for the bow and curtesy. In 1938 Jimmy was introduced to Doug Henderson and that was when he learned how long to play for country dancing, and also the relationship of the dance to its music. During World War II,

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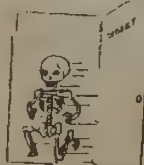
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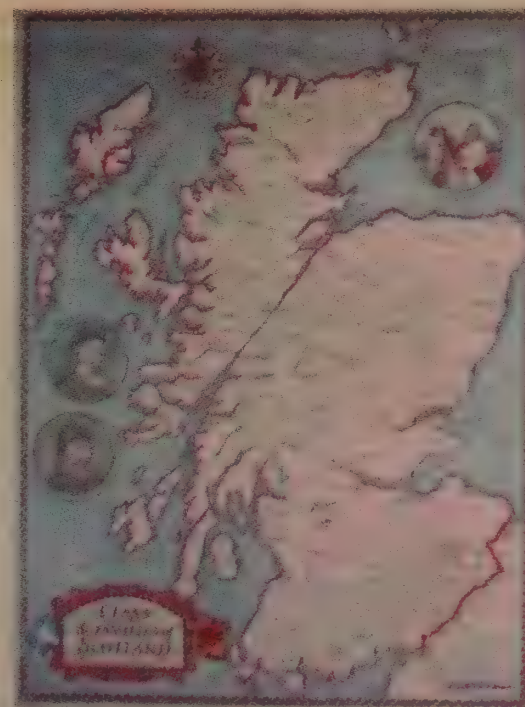
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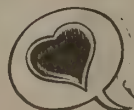
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the formality of Scottish Country dancing became a kind of steady rock for soldiers on leave, weddings, and just a break from the horrors of war for both the military and civilian populations—so his popularity grew.

Jimmy was soon broadcasting, and the war ended with a series of Welcome Home concerts for his band. Later came the White Heather Club Programme and many tours overseas. Ill health began to show in the early 70s. He was forced to cut back a number of his gigs, and these he passed along to other SCD bands.

His list of recordings is huge! Forty-nine on the Beltona label, seventy on other labels in the 78 format (how many of you remember those?); and then over sixty-seven in the 45 and 33 format. This last group ranged from dances in strict tempo such as Step We Gaily, with eight SC dances and two ceilidh dances, to the White Heather Club Party, which featured other artists as well. The list of tunes Jimmy composed is impressive, reels, jigs, strathspeys, polkas, marches, waltzes, and two-steps.

He even wrote a few songs such as this one written in 1967 in Alberta, while on tour

in Canada:

*We left Prestwick on 5th**September,**By plane we flew to Montreal**Tae rak tae Canada an' America**A Breath O' Scotland tae**ane an' a'.**There was Ivy Carey and**Jimmy Logan,**Bill McCue and Ronnie Dale;**Johnnie Crawford at piano,**And wi' his accordion**Shand was there**Chorus:**Happy we've been a thegither**Happy we've been ane an' a'**We've travelled miles**wi' ane anither;**Happy times were had by a'.*

In July 1999 he was knighted by HRH the Prince of Wales in a ceremony at Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh. Thus he was recognized for his life's work of bringing Scottish music, and particularly Scotland's great wealth of dance music to a huge audience worldwide. He frequently played in charity concerts and to quote First Minister Henry McLeish, "He made an enormous contribution to preserving Scotland's culture and our musical heritage."

With the passing of Sir Jimmy Shand we lost a great musician and traditionalist.

(Acknowledgment to the above to Jimmy's biographer, David Phillips who published *The Jimmy Shand* in 1976.)

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Darien, Georgia celebrates their Scottish heritage in March

The coastal community of Darien, Georgia, has a proud Scottish heritage.

Two hundred and sixty-four years ago, on 19 January 1736, one hundred and seventy-seven Highlanders - mostly MacKays from the Strathnaver region; and members of Clan Chattan - mostly MacIntoshes from Inverness; arrived at the southern outpost of the Georgia Colony.

Each Highlander was granted fifty acres for himself and each member of his family. Their primary mission after settling the land was to protect the colony from the French to the west, the Spanish to the south, and fend off attacks from Indians hostile to the British Crown.

Originally named "New Inverness" the name was later changed to "Darien" to recall the Darien Isthmus colony of Panama which came to grief in 1698. Darien was the only Gaelic-speaking community in the Georgia Colony.

The argument can be made and easily defended that Darien is the "Plymouth Rock" of Georgia and the touchstone for Scottish heritage in the Southeastern United States. In 1739 the Scots of Darien petitioned the Trustees of Georgia that no slavery be allowed in their colony, and so it remained until 1749, when that clause in their Charter was removed despite the strong protests of the Scots.

The Scots of Darien made a re-statement of this anti-slavery position on the eve of the American Revolution in 1775. This petition, together with that of the Ebenezer Salzburchers was the earliest anti-slavery petition in the South.

The early Scots had a strong sense of family, integrity, and a proud work ethic which contributed greatly to their suc-

cess. Descended from the legendary fierce Norse-Gael warriors they had a well-earned reputation in combat - and were frequently employed as mercenaries. The Highlander's military prowess and reputation in combat was Oglethorpe's prime reason in choosing them to defend "his" colony.

In many ways these people were unique - especially from the viewpoint of the Native American. Most Scots did not wear boots like most other Europeans - they wore a soft leather footwear similar to a moccasin, they did not wear pants - they wore a philbeg, or great tartan, they (for the most part) spoke Gaelic - not English, their family structure was similar to the Native American's - tribal, or clan.

The Scots enjoyed the best relationship with Native Americans, especially the Creeks. The Scottish women had rights under the law and were allowed to own property.

Women in the Darien community were trained in the "Manual of Arms" for rifles and were capable of manning the battery of cannons at Fort Darien when the men were on patrol or fighting the Spanish.

In an effort to recall the many contributions of those "Free" Scots, a non-profit group has been formed calling itself "The Highlanders of New Inverness, Ltd.," or, HONI. The group in conjunction with the staff at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Fort King George, at Darien, presented the "return" of the Highlanders to Darien during the "Scottish Heritage Weekend" program. The event took place on Friday the 24th, and Saturday the 25th March 2000, at Fort King George, Darien, Georgia.

The event was a homecom-

ing for those Clans represented by the original settlers of Darien. The Scottish Heritage event was an opportunity to step back in time to see how and where the original Scots lived.

To honor the Darien Highlanders tenacity, HONI has adopted "Buadhaich Tre Dhi-cheall", or Prevail Through Perseverance, as its motto.

The Highlanders of New Inverness, Ltd., have a website at

<www.darienhighlanders.org> which will post information about the annual March event as well as ongoing projects. While the main annual event will take place in March, HONI plans to have at least one event per quarter.

HONI is also involved with establishing a sister or twin-city relationship with Durness; the establishment of cultural and educational exchanges on the University, Secondary school, and Primary school levels. We have contacted university professors in America and Scotland who have expressed a keen interest in the project.

We have been fortunate enough to win two Endowment for the Humanities grants to date. While the major thrust of the project is education, the group hopes to establish a bridge over time and distance to re-unite the people of the Strathnaver and Inverness regions of Scotland with their American relatives and ancestors in Darien and vicinity. Together, each group might explore their common interests and open dialogs relating to the challenges of economic development faced by each. We welcome you to participate in this endeavor.

Please visit our website: <www.darienhighlanders.org> for updates.

It's a small world!



Betty Cox, from Laramie, Wyoming, has passed along an amazing story.

Jean Taylor and I traveled to the Scotch-Irish Festival in Estes Park, Colorado in September, 2000, from Laramie, Wyoming. There were thousands of people and dozens of parking lots-and we parked at exactly the same time and right next to Jane and John Harris of Tallahassee, Florida. We had met them on the Scotland BC Trip a few years ago. We enjoyed renewing our friendship. Between the Harrises are Jean Taylor and Betty Cox at Estes Park, Colorado Scottish-Irish Festival.

Valentine's Day!

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

Hundreds of years ago in England, many children dressed up as adults on Valentine's Day. They went singing from home to home.

One verse they sang was: Good morning to you, Valentine; Curl your locks as I do mine-Two before and three behind. Good morning to you, valentine.

Some people used to believe that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor. If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a millionaire.

Think of five or six names of boys or girls you might marry, as you twist the stem of an apple, recite the names until the stem comes off. You will marry the person whose name you were saying when the stem fell off.

In Wales, wooden love spoons were carved and given as gifts on February 14th. Hearts, keys and keyholes were favorite decorations on the spoons. The decoration meant, "You unlock my heart!"

A love seat is a wide chair. It was first made to seat one woman and her wide dress. Later, the love seat or courting seat had two sections, often in an S-shaped. In this way, a couple could sit together - but not too closely!

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The reunion organizers took us on a walking tour of Jewish Vöhl, stopping at the beautifully manicured cemetery for us to say Kaddish to our departed families.

I know the cemetery was not cleaned solely for us because I have been there three previous times since 1960 and it has always looked this way.

Our guide and my email friend, Karl-Heinz Stadtler, re-

lated the history of the Jews in Vöhl a century before most of the former Jewish citizens were even born. He told us more about our own families than we ever knew. He spoke so lovingly about our ancestors that one would have thought they were his family.

By the end of the week we were all family.

We visited neighboring towns where our ancestors lived. Our scheduled trips included a Friday night service in the restored synagogue of Giessen, a tour of the old Jewish quarter of Marburg and a visit to its new synagogue, a tour of the Jewish museum in Hofgeismar, a tour of Roth's newly dedicated museum in the old synagogue and an afternoon coffee and cake reception in the home of a couple of Roth's citizens.

On Sunday we were treated to a children's choir in the Evangelical Church's community center and interaction

with people from Vöhl who knew the Jewish guests or their families before the Holocaust.

My cousin, Ursula Mildenberg Behrend was invited to speak to a couple of schools in the area about her experiences as a child in Vöhl. Her worries about not engaging the students were for naught because they were very interested in her life then, her emigration and her life in the United States as a refugee.

Even though she was not a camp survivor with lurid tales of dehumanization, it was important for her to pass on the theme of "never again."

We were given a special tour of the magnificently rebuilt, newly dedicated synagogue in Kassel.

A brief lecture by an esteemed professor from Kassel's university followed afternoon coffee and cake.

I have watched and experienced Germany contending

with its past sins of commission and omission for forty years, since my first trip at age fifteen with my parents, themselves survivors of Germany's Nazi era.

What Professor Dr. Dietfried Krause-Vilmar said rang true. "Hardly any politician in the 50s, 60s and 70s spoke about his personal experience during this time (the Nazi period) although almost all of them had been involved. This only changed in the 80s when young people in schools and universities.....wanted to know what had actually taken place in their towns, what had happened to people who had been persecuted, who had suddenly disappeared."

The government and the post-WW II generation have learned many lessons from the atrocities perpetrated by their country, perhaps because those sins against humanity began on their soil. The students of the 1980s not only watched the

Berlin Wall fall and Communism fail, but also broke the silence of previous generations. They wanted to know how this Jewish genocide and murder of millions of others could have happened.

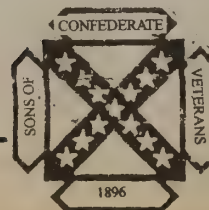
In email messages, I was promised visits to Altenlotheim, Frankenau and Korbach for archival research.

Karl-Heinz, true to his word, introduced me to Gerhard Keute, the archivist in Frankenau, who arranged our meeting in a private home in Altenlotheim, an ancestral plot of the Frankenthal family.

I have corresponded with many archives for several years: the German national archives, the Hessen state archives in Wiesbaden, and the district archives in Marburg.

After all the replies said there were no documents available for the periods in the 1800s that I desired, Karl-

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Others pictured from left to right: Barbra A. Bartz, Florida State Deputy Commissioner/Clan Ross; President Harold Andrews, The ladies; and Paul Peak, Clan Ross Clan member.



Indentured Servants were important

Never underestimate the importance of considering the possibility of an ancestor being an indentured servant. After both the 1715 and 1745 Risings, many defeated Jacobites were given the chance to "redeem themselves" by being "sold into slavery" as Indentured Servants, rather than being hung. Thanks to *The Dunrobin Piper*, Clan Sutherland Society of North America, 156 New Estate Road, Littleton, MA 01460

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WALES IN AMERICA

Scranton and the Welsh 1860-1920



WILLIAM D. JONES

Between the years 1860 and 1920, around 80,000 Welsh immigrants settled in the United States. A striking feature of Welsh settlement during this period is the concentration of the Welsh in one state: Pennsylvania, and within it, the north-east Pennsylvania anthracite coalfield. In 1900, over 17 per cent of Welsh immigrants were living in and around the cities of Scranton and Wilkes-Barre in an area about twice the size of the Rhondda Valley in the south Wales most of them had left.

This book focuses on Scranton, the epicenter of Welsh America during its golden era. The author examines cultural life, the literary and musical societies, eisteddfodau and religious groups as well as other aspects of popular culture such as insobriety and sports that the leaders of the Welsh community frowned upon. He also analyzes the self-image of Welsh America as reflected in its own newspapers and periodicals; the relationship of the Welsh with other ethnic groups; and, thousands of skilled Welsh miners across the Atlantic. WILLIAM D. JONES studied history at University College, Cardiff and gained a Ph.D. for his research into Welsh settlement in USA.

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Ulster Roots: Church Certificates

Richard K. MacMaster * The Scotch-Irish Society

When we move from one place to another today, we often request a letter of transfer from our former church to a church in our new home. Churches of several denominations had a similar practice in the eighteenth century of recommending members to another congregation.

The certificate signed by the minister and elders had a larger purpose in the eighteenth century. With much more limited communication networks than today, it would be difficult to know whether the newcomers were really the respectable farmers or artisans they claimed to be. Had this man left home one step ahead of the sheriff? Did he leave a mountain of unpaid bills behind him? Was he a troublemaker? Was he using an assumed name? The man or woman who could produce a certificate from their home church had proof of identity and an explicit statement about their character their freedom from debt and from any sanction imposed by the courts or the church. It was important to hold on to such a document.

A modern letter of transfer, if preserved at all, would go into the files of the local church. The eighteenth century equivalent belonged to the individual receiving it to keep with his or her important papers. As a result, very few survive of the thousands that must have once existed. They are a rare family treasure when they do.

Presbyterian congregations in Scotland, Ireland and the American Colonies normally provided such certificates for members. Surviving documents from Ulster churches personalize emigration and identify Scotch-Irish pioneers with their homes in Northern Ireland.

A descendant in Georgia inherited a certificate given to a young lady named Isabella Steel as she was about to leave her home the seaport town of Larne, County Antrim for Baltimore in 1773. Her minister

certified "That the Bearer Isabella Steel hath lived within the Bounds of this Congregation from her Infancy was born of Creditable Protestant dissenting parents, is free of all manner of Publick scandal or Church censure known to us, and by her good behaviour, Honesty and unblemished Character. Justly deserves the Esteem and approbation of all her know her."

One would like to know more about this young woman who evidently crossed the ocean alone. Did she have friends or family waiting for her in Maryland? We know that she subsequently married Thomas Pilkington of Baltimore as the same descendant has a poem written to celebrate that happy occasion.

A high percentage of Scotch-Irish immigrants left in family groups, so only the head of the household required a certificate. Abram Fulton was 60 years old when he left for America in 1772 with his wife and grown children. The minister gave him a certificate in these words: "Whereas Abraham Fulton and his wife and Family are now removing from this country to the continent of America this is to Inform Whom it may concern that they were born and lived until the date hereof in this parish and behaved in sober & Christian manner and Now leaves us free from any publick Scandall or State Censure. Certified at Articlave in the Kingdom of Ireland this 26th day of May 1772 by Wm. Knox V.D.M. (Minister of the Divine Word), L. Caldwell, Robert Guthry, Elders."

Articlave was the Presbyterian congregation now known as First Dunboe. It is located in the townland of Articlave in the Parish of Dunboe in Co. Londonderry, Northern Ireland, not far from Coleraine.

The Fultons sailed for Philadelphia and eventually located in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, were Abraham Fulton died in 1787. His church certificate was pre-

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Bet you didn't know that "First Alert" is an old custom!

Alarm signals were in use along the borders and throughout Galloway.

It was thought proper that beacons should be set up on all heights within sight of each other in order that the appearance of the enemy on the Borders or on the sea might be made known.

A beacon was formed of a tall, strong tree set up with a

long iron plate across its head, carrying on it an iron plate for holding a fire, and an iron brander fixed on a stalk in the middle for holding a tar barrel.

The first fire was put on the ground beside the beacon, and when fired all were to arm. Next were lit two fires, one on the ground and the other in the large grate.

On seeing this, all were to

hasten to the rendezvous.

If the danger was imminent, the burning barrel was fired at once. Signals from Berwick up the vale of the Tweed to Lamberton and from the Tweed to the Forth, made all aware of the coming danger.

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evidence of this conclusion, I searched the CD for the surname Washington in Virginia and got three listings, including one for George Washington. But the published 1790 index for Virginia includes 13 listings for Washington, including three for George, who was enumerated in the three jurisdictions where he paid taxes. If we eliminate two of the listings for George to make our comparison more fair, that still leaves three hits on the CD versus 11 in the published index—an error rate of eight out of 11, or 73%!

As far as I know, this CD is no longer on the market, so my purpose here is not to warn you off this particular product. Rather, my purpose is to caution you that new technology can be so “buggy” as to be counterproductive if you jump on it as a miraculous device. Searching a CD or any other electronic database can be a fool’s game if you don’t know exactly what you are looking at. Where did the data come from? Who compiled them? Has anything been left out or edited in the process? What is the search engine really doing?

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Herr Keute had a stack of documents from Altenlotheim sitting on a coffee table that either pertained to a Frankenthal or was witnessed by a Frankenthal. He told me that he had actually gone to Marburg for the copies.

I was amazed at the array of documents that I had been told never existed!

Then Herr Keute gave me three books about Frankenau.

My visit to Korbach was another wonderful surprise.

Karl-Heinz had arranged for me to meet the former archivist, Herr Wilke. Even though he was now retired and only volunteered his time in the archive, he opened the archive on a Saturday just to meet me and brought his English-speaking wife in case I needed someone to interpret our dialogue.

I knew that he had written

Die Geschichte der jüdischen Gemeinde Korbach (The History of the Korbach Jewish Community). We went through the Löwenstern family trees in the book and he made it clear that the entry for a "Johanette Löwenstern" was actually my Henriette (aka Jettchen) and that the Marcus family mentioned was indeed the same as my Markhoff family.

He gave me a tour of the archive and even showed me all the bound *Corbacher Zeitung* (Korbach newspaper, started by Wilhelm Bing in the middle 1800s), including one from 4 December 1894, the day my grandmother, Ida Frankenthal, was born.

On the way out of the archive I also bought *Die Reihe Archivbilder Korbach* (over 220 pictures of Korbach from the end of the 1800s to the 1960s).

He took me outside the

archive and pointed out ancestral Löwenstern houses.

One day, my cousins and my family were taken to Rauschenberg and its Jewish cemetery, which was hard to find because it was situated in an unmarked field under an umbrella of trees.

Kurt-Willi Julius, the first director of the Vöhl Förderkreis, never gave up until he found what we wanted to see.

We said Kaddish at the graves of the Mildenberg's grandparents and I took pictures of all the standing tombstones. My husband and son pulled a couple of heavy stones into their upright position so we could see who was buried in those spots. Aside from the swarming red ants that stung my son, I was able to add more names to my Plaut, Kadden (Katten), and Mildenberg files.

Our guide also drove back and forth through town until my cousins found their grandparent's home.

The day of my birthday and my cousin's anniversary, Karl-Heinz and his wife, Birgit gave me a book on the 850-year history of Vöhl (1144-1994), printed by Wilhelm Bing, Druckerei und Verlag, Korbach, and the Vöhl church

choir sang for our group. We were all invited to the mayor's dinner reception in Basdorf and he presented us that same book about Vöhl.

My friends exchanged their present to me with *25 Jahre Waldeck-Frankenber*, a history of the area embellished with many photographs, old etchings and a 1584 map, published by Wilhelm Bing, Korbach, 1999.

This Herr Bing also founded the *Corbacher Zeitung* now called *Waldeckische Landeszeitung*. The significance of this is the fact that the mayor and our Vöhl hosts arranged for our group's eldest guest, Richard Rothschild, to meet a childhood schoolmate at that reception.

Hermann Bing, the son of Wilhelm and present owner of the publishing company and newspaper, who also had attained the ripe old age of 95, surprisingly appeared at the reception. These two former schoolmates met again after 80 years.

It was an experience none of us will forget.

Germany's horrific past could not extinguish their friendship.

At dinner they reminisced over things that had occurred in the first grade!

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To be honest, I opened both of these envelopes at home during the holiday...and cried. Family Tree readers are the most generous people in the world. Bar none.

Does anybody know?

Thornton Myles, 6101 Edsall Road, Apt. 1511, Alexandria, VA 22304-4107, writes asking for information about two frequently heard expressions: "Great Scot!" and "Scot-free".

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Source: A Guidebook American Genealogy, to his *Guide to African American Research at The Newberry Library*, both of which appear in this compilation. These, together with case studies, a thorough bibliography of sources, and a guide to African American Internet resources make up an indispensable guide for African American research. Using this book, African American researchers will discover a connection to the past as well as direction on how to best conduct a query into a sometimes difficult area of family history.

Cliff H. MacLean Hansen, continued from page 4 A

knife or necessities for their hut.

Fairgoers arrived home with little or no money.

Burt, in his *Letters from the North of Scotland*, Sinclair's *Northern Counties* and *Northern Rural Life* report their observations of the Highlanders tradings at the Inverness Fair... "If you would conceive rightly of it, you must imagine to see two or three hundred half-naked, half-starved creatures of both sexes, without so much as a smile or any cheerfulness among them, stalking about with trade goods, up to their axles in dirt and at night, numbers of them lying together in stables or other out-house hovels that are hardly any defense against the weather.

With the demanding requirements for joint cooperation of the tenants in sharing the tiny bits of land, ploughing and harvesting and the disappointments of crop failures the *Account Books* report little or no bickering.

Only one quarrel was recorded between to joint tenants.

Disagreements were settled by the tenants agreements to abide by decisions "birley-men" or "proof-men." These were appointed by the people themselves, the tacksman or laird. The facts of the dispute were supplied to the arbitrators. To dispute the decision

One oxgate represented one ox which was the team drawing the plough.

Some rents mention oxgates and one half oxgates, but not ploughgates or husband-lands.

Further land subdivision was not likely because it was poor soil or perhaps moisture land requiring drainage. The grain harvest had to feed the family and provide food for the livestock and cover additional expenses and have a set amount leftover for sowing.

"Some farm records report the amount of meal consumed by individuals: a man 6 bolls per annum; a woman, 4 bolls and a child, 1 boll. Estimates say the average size family would consume 13 bolls at least and Highland families were famous for their large size.

Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations* reports, "A half

starved Highland woman frequently bears more than twenty children."

The daily menu was sparse: water gruel, bread, pottage and milk, potatoes. During May, June, July and August the food, without change was gruel pottage and milk. Obviously milk was sparingly divided. An egg was a luxury seldom or ever indulged in - far less a fowl.

During the summer, an occasional haddock was an unusual treat.

In this manner of living, two men, two women, three children and a grown girl or lad would subsist on a tiny monetary sum per year. It was hardly enough to give strength for the required manual labor.

The small tenants never indulged in the luxury of beef, of these arbitrators was consid-

ered by all disgraceful in the highest sense.

Next time we shall visit

great-great-grandfather's home and learn of his personal possessions.

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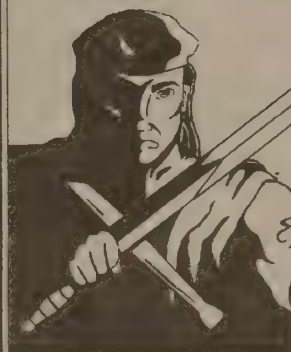
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Ulster Roots, continued from page 20 A

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ing and mailing the Journal for the next two years to the Center for Scotch-Irish Studies in Glenolden, Pennsylvania, which has editorial oversight.

The Scotch-Irish Foundation of Bryn-Mawr, Pennsylvania also announced a two-year grant to help support the new publication.

As part of the agreement, the Journal of Scotch-Irish Studies will be mailed free of charge to all members of the Scotch-Irish Society in good standing. It is also available by direct subscription.

The first issue of the Journal of Scotch-Irish Studies was released in May 2000 at the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies in Philadelphia.

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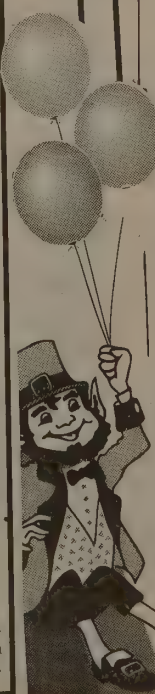
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way 25 years ago.

The number of chicks raised since the scheme began reached 100, and there are 19 breeding pairs. In Gaelic, the bird was called "Iolair Suil na Greine", meaning the eagle with the sunlit eye, because of its bright yellow iris.

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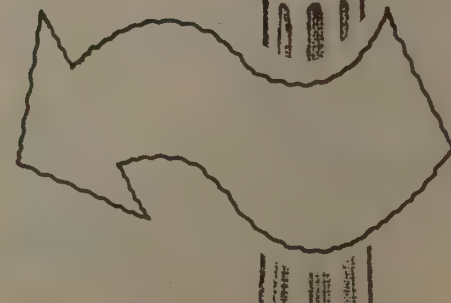
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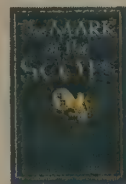
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Congratulations to our intrepid skeleton hunters from all over the country! These hardy souls searched the words and paragraphs and pages of the last *Family Tree* to ferret out our boniest friend and win nice prizes!

Winning the \$25 gift certificate from The Skeleton Closet - those are genealogical forms designed for genealogists by a genealogist - is Evelyn Werdelin from Port Charlotte, Florida.

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Good-bye and thanks to Mr. John Cody!

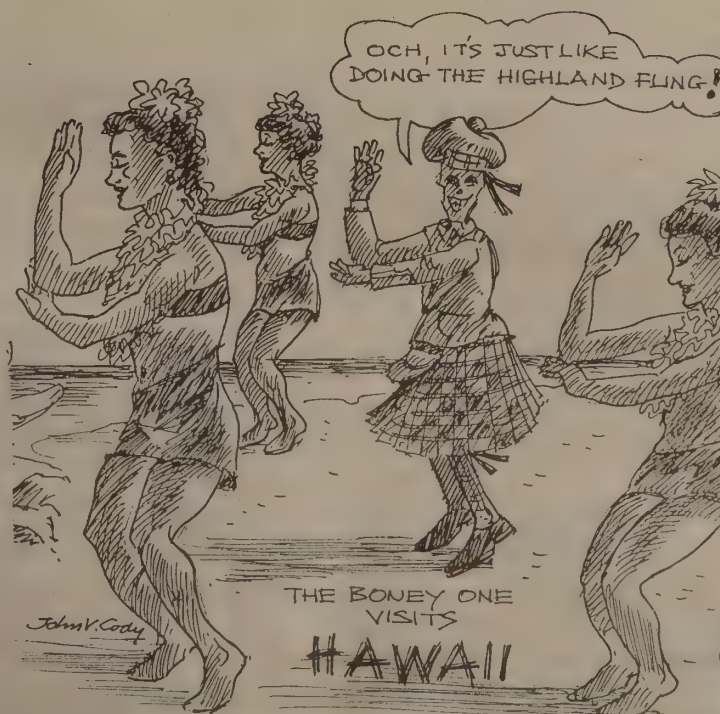
For almost eleven years, Mr. John Cody, cartoonist extraordinaire, has graced our pages with his hilarious renderings of our skeleton. He has kindly and generously shared his artistic talents with all of us on a completely voluntary basis.

Sadly, Mr. Cody is curtailing his work these days and can't continue to draw our boniest one.

Mr. Cody, we will be forever grateful for the time and talent you have so selflessly given to *The Family Tree*.

Thank you, Sir. I will miss you and so will all of our readers.

Love, Beth



Highland Games and Celtic Festival database available

The Family Tree has received a table listing many of the North American Scottish and Celtic games and festivals from the Council of Scottish Clans and Associations (COSCA), Inc.

This information has been collected from numerous sources including COSCA, direct mailings, trade publications, magazines, phone conversations and the Inter net. While no guarantee of correctness can be made, we believe it is one of the most accurate listings available.

If you wish to access the listing on the internet, go to <http://www.maclachlans.org/games.html>

If you have an event you would like listed, contact Jim Finegan at jacobite@shiren.net

The project is sponsored by COSCA, Inc., in cooperation with Clan MacLachlan, Clan MacNeil and Clan Campbell.

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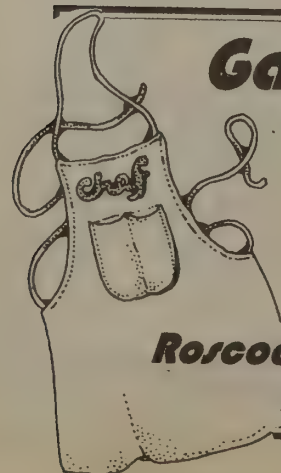
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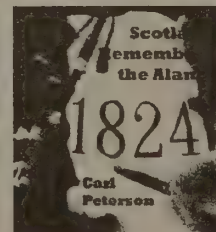
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Royce McNeill appointment to GMHG Board announced

The Grandfather Mountain Highland Games Chairman Ronald L. McGowan has announced the appointment of Royce Neil McNeill, FSA Scot, to the GMHG Board of Directors.

McNeill has just finished his 20th year as president of the Clan Macneill Associations, Inc. McNeill received the 2000 Ellis Island Medal of Honor as an outstanding American of Scottish descent. Royce has been the honored guest at several Scottish Highland Games and last October was the honored guest at the Flora MacDonald Highland Games, Red Springs, North Carolina.

In 1994, the Scottish Heritage Center at St. Andrews Presbyterian College awarded him its service award for his outstanding contributions to the Scottish community. McNeill has never missed attending the Grandfather Mountain Games since they started in 1955. He is a member of the Scottish Heritage, USA; The National Trust for Scotland; and the Scottish American Military Society. McNeill is a native son of North Carolina, where his ancestors settled in 1735. He retired from Duke Energy, Inc. in 1991.

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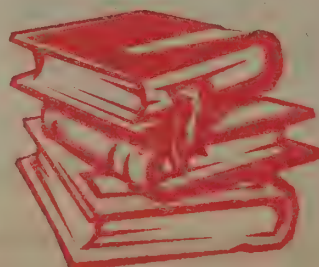
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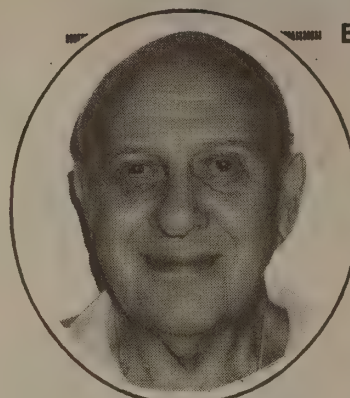
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Italian genealogy is reported to be the fastest growing segment of the field in America. There is even an indication that Italians in the ancestral homeland are beginning to show some interest. If true, this would be a significant turn of events for previously, native Italians have had little

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A letter from your editor....
*A funny thing happened
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Your editor, Beth Gay, DCTJ, FSA Scot

Last issue, we had a story about how we hoped that *The Family Tree* would soon be digitized. Hopefully, that's still true. However, a funny thing happened along the way.....

What happened was that we were going into the scary world of cyberspace all on our own. What happened right after our issue was printed was a partnership we had worked on for about a year and a half and thought to be something not to be...that partnership hope revived and may yet happen.

We can't give all the details now, but soon.

We just thought discretion to be the better part of valor and thought it would be better to wait before jumping into those icy and deep cyberspace waters all alone without any lifeboat or even water wings!

So, please keep on sending us your postcards and letters if you wish to be put on the Internet edition (and be sure and include your own email address). We'll save them until "it's time!"

You really made me cry!

Over the holidays I came into the library and the USPS and retrieved mail so that I wouldn't come back to work at the first of the year faced with getting advertising and editorial ready for this issue and be swamped with work generated by the mail.

I was sitting at my kitchen table worrying about whether or not our readers would remember us during their own festive season and whether or not we'd have enough money to pay for and mail the next issue.

I had talked myself into a pretty depressive state...and then began opening your letters.

The first letter I opened had a postage check for \$200.

My eyes opened wide and I gulped.

The next letter had a postage check for \$100.

I started crying...and kept on crying while I opened your letters - most containing such kind and sweet comments - and checks, checks, checks!

The Christmas Spirit certainly struck you all!

Then, I read the last edition of *Clach na Faire* - edited by our dear friend and *The Family Tree* International Correspondent and Photojournalist - Frank Shaw of Atlanta. In his paper, Frank had many kind things to say and announced to one and all that - since he had decided to stop publishing *Clach na Faire* - that all of the leftover "*Clach*" funds would be sent to me.

Talk about blubbing! Narra The Wonder Cat and Peggie Harry Morris were climbing in my lap trying to figure out why their "Mama" was sitting there in a pile of mail sobbing her heart out.

It has always been hard for me to accept compliments. It's always been hard for me to accept good things and gifts in my personal life. I never feel quite deserving.

Multiply that by about a bazillion and you know how I feel when people all over the country are so kind and generous to this little paper - which, although it is my work - is, as you know if you read it carefully - also an extension of me.

So, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the kindnesses and the generosity you have shown.

I must also ask you not to forget *The Family Tree*. It's a "Never-ending Story" in that we finish one...and start working on another and the mailing and printing bills keep on a'coming!

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Please don't forget us.

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Love, *Beth*

PS One of our readers has "named me!" I didn't want to be Beth° any more (Beth Round - since I've lost LOTS of weight) and have to be differentiated from my staff, Beth² (Beth Squared). Now, since I was here first, I'm Beth¹ (which is also a skinny number!). Thanks for the new "name."

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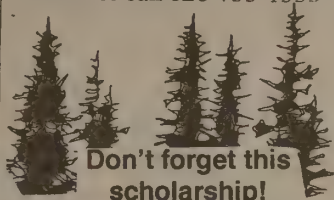
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Bancroft, who says she joined Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society about 1993, has served three terms as the group's recording secretary and two years as a director on the board. For several years, she has assisted with production of the *Quarterly* doing the index, final editing and bulk mailing of the publication. She also mails the *Messenger* each month.

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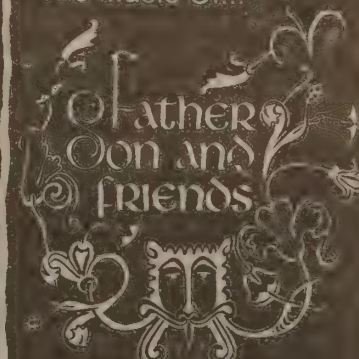
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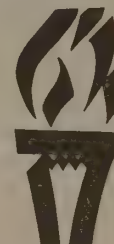
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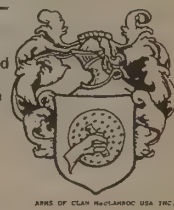
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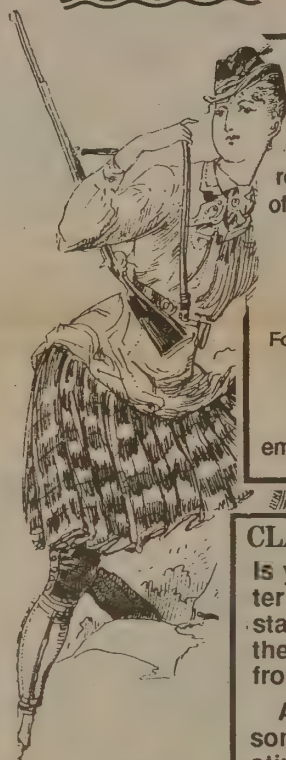
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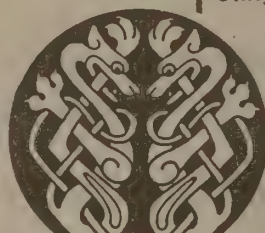
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Flowers of the Forest

Margaret Ann Lyons, passed away on Sunday, November 19, 2000. She was an active member of Clan MacNicol Society and of Clan Sutherland on her mother's side.

Margaret attended many Highland games and along with her brother, Bill Nicol, hosted many Clan tents. She had a second trip planned to Scotland, which had to be cancelled due to illness just two days prior to departure. Both she and her brother had delighted in meeting their cousins and relatives that had only been known through correspondence.

She is sorely missed by her brother, children, grandchildren, nieces and others.

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George Gowans, long time member of the Caledonian Society of Mississippi died on November 24 at the age of 93. He was born in Newfoundland, Canada. He is survived by his wife Willetta and their daughter Carolyn Neal. A00005M2001FB/MR

The St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York mourns the death of its esteemed member and Past President, **J. Sinclair Armstrong** at age 85. Armstrong's love of Scottish heritage and dedication to the charities of the Society will be long and gratefully remembered.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte P. Horwood Faircloth Armstrong; and his children: Katherine C. A. Young, James S. Armstrong, Jr., Stephen H.

and Jeanne H. Armstrong, Robert S. & Phoebe H. Armstrong and Elisabeth Armstrong-Bushey; also, his niece Leslie Armstrong, eight grandchildren, a great-nephew and two great nieces. A00005M2001FB/MR

Clan MacDuff has lost one of its shining stars. **Valerie "Val" Sansom**, founder and long time president of the Clan MacDuff Society of Australia, succumbed to breast cancer on October 5, 2000, after a long and courageous fight. She was born in Manly, February of 1932, to Charles and Dulcie Bullock.

She is survived by her husband, Dick Sansom and three children: Peter, Bill and Vivienne, as well as five grandchildren. A00005M2001FB/MR

Lealys Skeen, wife of Douglas S. Skeen, Lancaster, Texas, passed away November 2, 2000. Lealys had been an enthusiastic and actively involved member of Clan Skene Association since September, 1993. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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Recently, the Scottish Community lost a true and devoted friend with the passing of **Bobbie Groves, Jr.**, on September 1, 2000 at his home.

This fine gentleman, along with his wife Cornelia, gave generously of time, talent and treasure to preserve and promote the heritage and traditions of Scotland here in North

America. He was an original supporter and past president of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, and an avid supporter of Scottish Heritage, U.S.A. Groves was also a member of 50 years of the St. Andrew's Society of Savannah; a charter member of the Coastal Scottish Heritage Society; as well as a member of SAMS Post 7 since 1987.

He and his wife worked tirelessly to volunteer at numerous Highland Games, representing the Clan Douglas Society of North America and the National Trust of Scotland. Most recently, the Highland Dancing competition at the Savannah Scottish Games was named the Robert Walker Groves Southeastern Regional Championship.

His survivors are his wife, Cornelia Rankin Groves of Savannah; a son, Robert Walker Groves III of Savannah; a daughter, Susan Groves Stevens of Yonges Island, South Carolina; a sister, Julia Martin of Savannah; and four grandchildren. IF A00005M201FB/MR

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"Cousin" David's farewell!

Last issue this space told of the chance to acquire PGCS by an appropriate 501 (C) (3) group. This month, we announce that the Harris County Texas Genealogical Society has done so. The PGCS website went dark in January; HCGS folks will have it back up, perhaps even by the time of this issue.

But, it is time for me to say "Goodbye", "Thanks for reading my notes" and helping expand PGCS coding to 14 papers - one in Canada! Keep it up! Someone with HCGS will be with you starting next issue!

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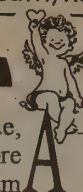
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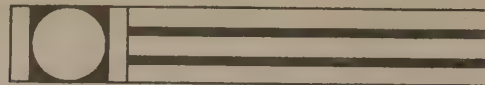
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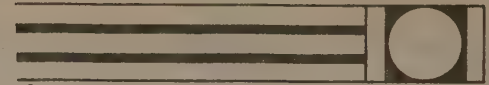
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Edward M. Boothe died November 30, 2000. Ed was a member of SCV and SAR. He was a former president of Clan Sutherland of North America, a life member of Clan Sutherland of Scotland, and a member of St. Andrews Society of Atlanta.

After his retirement from FAA, he was a worldwide consultant for flight simulation and training. He was a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, London, England and the first U.S. citizen to be awarded its Flight Simulation Silver Medal.

Ed was a long time supporter and contributor to *The Family Tree*. He is survived by his wife, Inez; two daughters;

a son and daughter-in-law and a granddaughter.

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Patrick Brian Heveran, 36 of Malvern, Arkansas, passed away on October 13, 2000 at his home. He was born on Aug. 15, 1964 in Wuerzburg, West Germany and his parents are William and Rosie Trimm Heveran. He was a 1983 graduate of Del City High School in Oklahoma and was a welder and a member of Clan Donald USA.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, William Aloysius and Rosalia Hegodus Heveran and Kelsie and Lura Ellen Brown Trimm; one aunt, Elsie Trimm Fesmire and one uncle, James Lee Trimm.

He is survived by his parents;

one brother, William Alan Heveran of Malvern; one sister, Debra Adams of Florida and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Taylor Springs Cemetery, Beaverton, Alabama.

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One of Clan MacLeod's truly remarkable couples...**Aubrey and Vanna Halford-MacLeod** of the Isle of Harris, Scotland.. died in recent months: Vanna in January, 1999 and Aubrey in August, 2000. Each was 85 years of age at the time of their deaths.

Vanna, christened Giovanna, was born in Florence, Italy, where her English

parents, Herbert and Alice Durst, ran a silver and goldsmith's workshop. She returned to England for secondary schooling and entered Oxford University where she studied Italian, met Aubrey and subsequently recruited by British Military Intelligence.

Aubrey was born Aubrey Seymour Halford in Birmingham, where his father worked in the motor manufacturing industry. He changed his name to Halford-MacLeod in 1964 to reflect his ancestral ties to the Western Isles. Aubrey was educated at a King Edward's School in Birmingham and at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he took a First in Modern Languages. He joined the Diplomatic Service in 1937.

The couple married September 7, 1939 and spent their wedding night in a jail-Wormwood Scrubs, from which the prisoners had been removed and MI5 (British Military Security) moved in. Vanna only got time off to be married by doing night duty.

Vanna also was an accomplished painter and Aubrey was president of the Scottish Society for Northern Studies. He researched and presented several papers on MacLeod Heritage for that organization. He also served as vice president of Clan MacLeod Society of Scotland from 1976-1979. The couple retired to Ardvourlie on the Isle of Harris in 1978. They are survived by their four children, Philip in Fife, Tuairidh in Shetland, Guy and Mary-Bess living in the USA, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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William Ting passed away October 22, 2000. He was born in a remote mountainous part of Yunnan Province near the Himalayas about 9,000 ft. up. His official birthdate was October 4, 1913, but he might have been older given where and when he was born. He was educated at Yenching University in China (sister school to Harvard), won a national scholarship competition to any university in the UK and he chose Glasgow University, a foremost place in the world for earth sciences. He was a geomorphologist and paleobotanist.

Ting's adventures took him to Hebrides, Orkneys, Sweden, Norway, The Third Reich, prewar Poland and France, Stalin's USSR, Italy, the Middle East, and eventually back to China. There in his late 20s to early 30s, he became a high ranking professor in Chung King. He was part of that mass migration inland when the Japanese came south. He went through WWII and the following civil war between the Nationalists and the Communists, and finally escaped to Hong Kong in December 1948. Ting lived through most of the major events that shaped the 20th Century.

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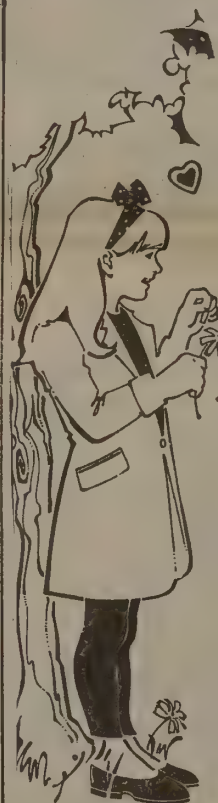
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ROBERTSON/ROBISON, ROBERT, my grandfather is said to have been orphaned at an early age. What happened after that, I have been unable to learn. He was one of a large family of boys, we know he was born in North Carolina, ca 1834. No town or county is known. **ROBERT** and **CATHERINE A. GARNER** married 4 September 1859, Douglas County, Illinois. Six sons were born in Illinois and in Indiana before the family settled in Southeast Colorado, where **ROBERT** died 8 April, 1905. Burial in the Holly Cemetery, Holly, Prowers, Colorado. Can anyone help? **Mabel I. Robison, 2235 Juntura Court S., Salem, OR 97302-2222** or phone 505-589-9567.

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MARY HARRIS, born 1732 in NJ, daughter of **JAMES HARRIS** married a **MOSES LYON**, born at Lyons Farms, 1731. His father was **BENJAMIN LYON**. **MOSES** died 27 March 1813 and **MARY** died 12 June 1809. Children: **JAMES, HENRY, MOSES, OBEDIAH, RICHARD, HANNAH, ABIGAIL, MARY LYON**. Need data on all these children, please. **Richard G. Boyd, PO Box 539, Mt. Morris, MI 48458-0539.**

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How a CD about the Highland Clearances came into being



Angus Macleod strolling by the site of the Lewis Settlers' first church in the wilderness of what is now Huron Township, Ontario, Canada.

Kincardine, Ontario - The anguish of leaving the only home they had ever known; and the triumph of finding a new home. That's the true story told in the new CD, *The Silent Ones, A Legacy of the Highland Clearances*, just released by Angus Macleod of Huron Township, Ontario.

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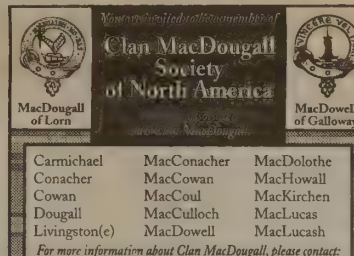


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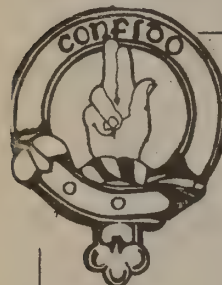
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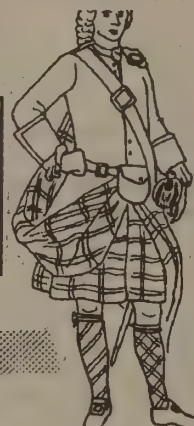
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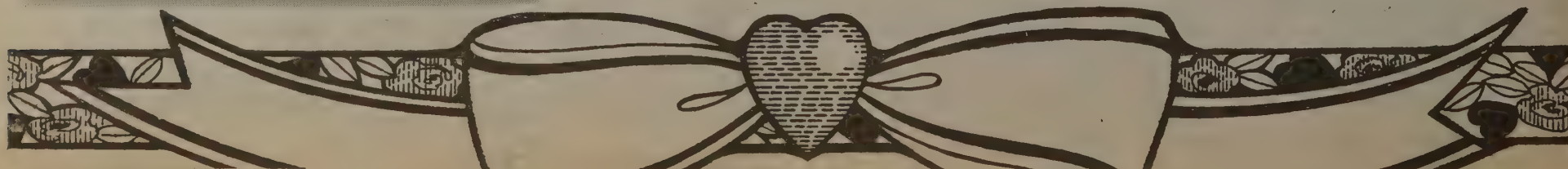


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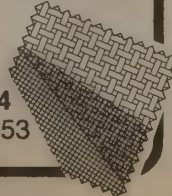
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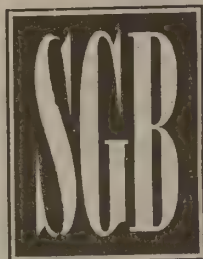


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The Gaelic Society of Inverness will hold their Annual Service at the Memorial Cairn on Culloiden Battlefield at 11 AM on Saturday, April 14, 2001, the day before Easter Sunday.

As is now customary, wreaths will then be laid on the Clan Donald markers and afterwards a lunch will be held at the Drumossie Hotel, at about 1 PM. The Chiefs of Clanranald and Glengarry are to attend all the events.

On this occasion at least eight Clan Donald members from Queensland, Australia will attend under the leadership of Malcolm McDonald, the

Queensland Commissioner.

The Glengarry family are grateful for the many generous donations which were made in 2000 in memory of Lady Glengarry's late husband, Donald, the 22nd Chief of Glengarry. A memorial has yet to be decided upon pending construction of the new museum at the Clan Donald Lands Trust at Armadale, where it will be placed.

Contact Lady Glengarry, Elonbank, Fortrose, Ross-shire, IV10 8TH, Scotland; phone/fax +44 (0) 1381

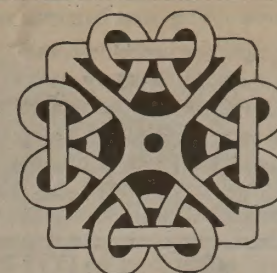
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Chiefs gathering set for June 2001

Also in 2001, there will be a gathering in Glencoe called by the four Chiefs of Clan Donald, starting on June 8th and continuing to June 13th. For details, please contact Rob McDonald Parker at PO Box 23379, Edinburgh, EH5 3DZ or

e-mail <rmarker@btinternet.com>. Contact Lady Glengarry, Elonbank, Fortrose, Ross-

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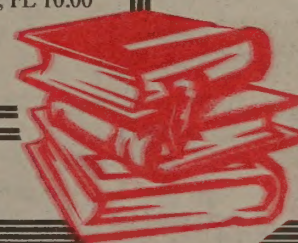
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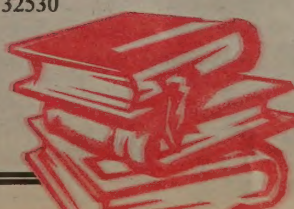
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Clan Donald Scholar starts studies in Edinburgh

Robert S. McGinnis, secretary of the Clan Donald Educational and Charitable Trust of Pittsburgh, reports that Ms. Caitlin DeSilvey, the 2000-2001 winner of the \$7,500 Trust Scholarship for graduate study in Scotland, has arrived at the University of Edinburgh, courtesy of U.S. Airways, to commence her work on Geography and environmental studies.

Each year the Clan Donald Trust awards this scholarship along with eight additional awards of \$150 each that are made to piping, drumming and Highland Dancing competitors at the Ligonier Highland Games, held the first weekend after Labor Day at Idlewild Park, Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

Inquiries about the Games or the Scholarships may be directed to the Ligonier Highland Games, PO Box 884, Bethel Park, PA 15102-0884. Or you can check the Games' web site at <www.ligoniergames.org>.

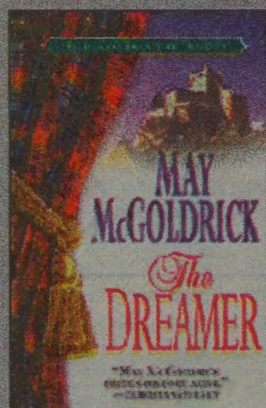
Clan Stewart Society of America to meet in Dunedin

The Clan Stewart Society of America will hold its Annual General Meeting in Dunedin, Florida April 6, 7 and 8, 2001. For more information contact: Regional III High Commissioner Mary Urbano: phone 1727-733-8227 or e-mail <StewartUrbano@juno.com>.

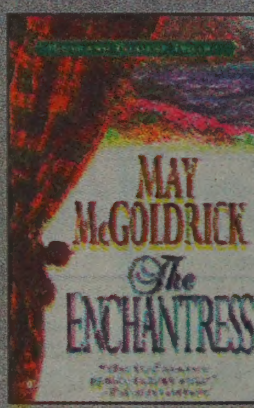
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Beth will be presenting a program on Scottish genealogy in Ocala, Florida on **Sunday, February 18**. Call Marion Swinn at 302-347-2873 for more information.

The weekend of **February 24**, Beth will represent *The Family Tree* and The Odom Library at the Jacksonville Highland Games in Jacksonville, Florida.

In March, Beth will be in Spartanburg, South Carolina for the Spartanburg County Public Library doing a presentation on **Saturday, March 10**. Contact Martha Dickens at 864-596-3500, ext. 1238, for full information.

Saturday, March 24, Beth will present three programs in Darien, Georgia during the Scottish celebrations there. Contact Martha Carney, 912-437-2124 for times and complete details.

Beth is scheduled to appear on *The Ludlow Porch Show* (find Ludlow on the Internet by going to Yahoo and typing in *Ludlow Porch Show*) on **Wednesday, April 18** and will travel from that program to the Loch Norman Highland Games in Huntersville, North Carolina on **April 21** - representing *The Family Tree* and The Odom Library.

The next weekend, **April 28** is reserved for the Culloden Highland Games in Culloden, Georgia (near Forsyth and Macon, Georgia).

If you'd like to schedule a program for your genealogical society, historical society, Scottish group, etc., just call Beth at 229-985-6540.

Highland Clearances music, continued from page 16 B

etery situated in a remote bushland section of Huron Township. Along the way, he would pass the location of the settler's first church which his great, great-grandfather helped to build in 1858. He would also go by the ashen grove where the Lewis folk held open-air Gaelic church services upon their arrival in the wilderness.

"The first time I visited the Lewis Cemetery, I had this very definite feeling that I had been there before," says Macleod. "It was almost like an early childhood memory. I asked by father about it and he assured me that I had never, ever been there. I have since put it down to some kind of genetic recall."

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Sir Crispin Agnew states, "Clan is regularly used nowadays to describe all types of Scottish families who have an armorial chief." (Chiefs of both early branches of the Blair family, the Blairs of that Ilk, (Blairs of Blair), and the Blairs of Balthayock were granted arms by the Scottish Crown and therefore are armigerous families.)

This opinion was requested in order to obtain an authoritative and definitive answer to the question of the Blair Family being a Scottish Clan.

Secretary, George Way, Baron of Pleand, and Deputy Secretary Romilly Squire, of the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, met with William Campbell Blair, M.D. at the Pleasanton Scottish Games. They are also coeditors of the

Scottish Clan and Family Encyclopedia, in which the Blair Family is listed among the armigerous clans and families of Scotland, and they indicated there is no distinction in present day usage between the terms armigerous clan and armigerous families; in other words these are interchangeable terms. Therefore, they agreed that use of the name "The Clan Blair Society" is appropriate and correct.

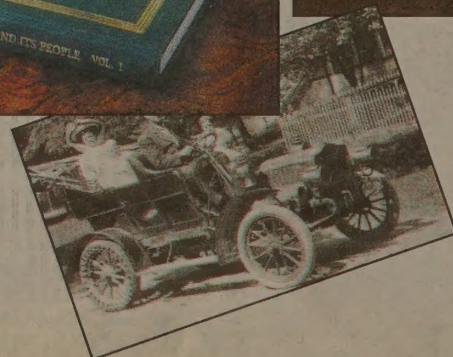
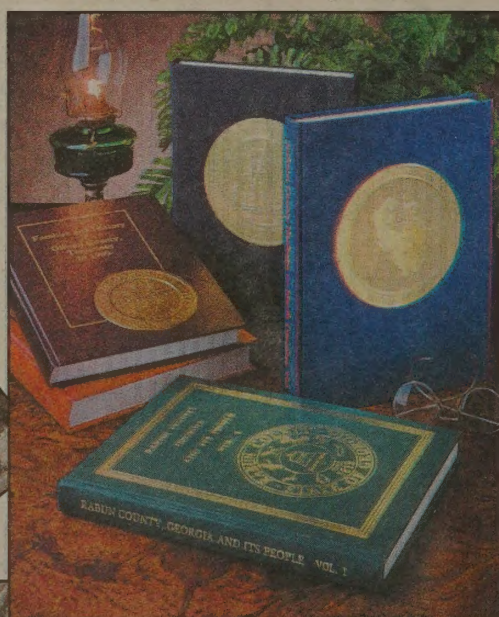
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Clan Moncreiffe Society holds Annual Meeting

The third annual meeting of the Clan Moncreiffe Society, N.A. was held at the Stone Mountain Games in Atlanta, Georgia in October.

Officers elected for a two-year term were Ernest Moncreiff, President; Lary Moncrief, Vice President; Charlotte Moncrief, Secretary; Ernest Moncrieff, III, Treasurer.

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